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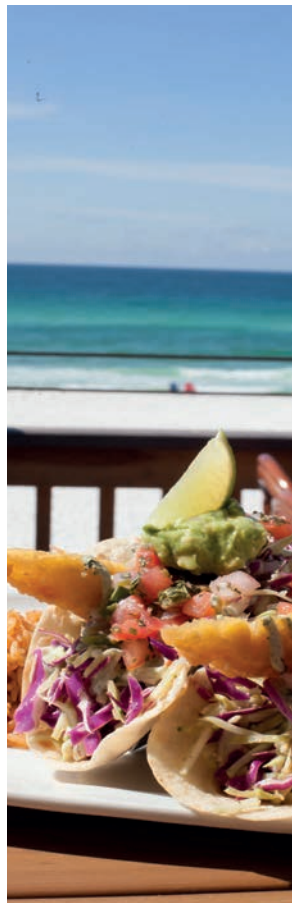


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Opening Remarks

Extra! Extra!

In the aftermath of the shooting that took the lives of several newspaper employees, including the brother of our columnist Carl Hiaasen, I went back to doing something I hadn't done in a long time. I started buying the newspaper every single day.



The late great Cheech with Editor Manson at the 2016 Beachcomber Music Awards. Our tribute to 30A's favorite dog appears on page 21.

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# Editor's Choice

RIGHT: The monthly ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY luncheons in Fort Walton Beach are always a treat. The food and company are tip-top, and the guest speakers' areas of expertise often extend far beyond the boundaries of paint on canvas. Recent luncheons have included a ceramic artist (Skip Deems, pictured here), as well as kaleidoscope, birdhouse and mandolin creators. The next one is set for Wednesday, July 25—more info in this issue's Art Events.

BELOW: Five hours and change of spot-on Allman Brothers Band concert recordings make up CREAM OF THE CROP 2003, a set that offers no repeats and fine covers of Bob Dylan's "Don't Think Twice" and Derek and the Dominos' "Layla," the latter played loud and fast like it oughta be. I'm convinced that every show this particular lineup recorded is worthy of my precious ear time.



BELOW: The first season of Netflix's GLOW (Gorgeous Ladies of Wrestling, which was a real '80s TV show I was fortunate enough to see during my formative years) was great, but I like the second season even better. More drama, more character development (especially for Liberty Belle), more relevance, more wrestling... what's not to love?



LEFT: YES: THE STEVEN WILSON REMIXES is a glorious five-LP vinyl box set of the band's "classic" period, punchier than the last round of CD reissues and tweaked just enough that longtime fans will notice little things here and there. And, no, I still don't "get" TALES FROM TOPOGRAPHIC OCEANS...



# Big Donations for Local Nonprofits Thanks to 2018 Sandestin Wine Festival

**The 32nd Annual Sandestin Wine Festival**, the most established and continuously running wine festival in the Florida Panhandle, announced recently that the organization donated \$65,940 to two deserving local charities. The proceeds are from the four-day event, held April 12-15 at the Village of Baytowne Wharf at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort.

Sandestin Foundation for Kids and Fisher House of the Emerald Coast were presented with checks totaling \$32,970 each, made possible by the success of this year's festival and sold out Grand Tasting events on Friday and Saturday.

"Without the support of our community and volunteers, the Sandestin Wine Festival would not be the success that it is today," said Village of Baytowne Wharf executive director **Alan Meyers**. "For an event that is rich in history and culture, the volunteers work very hard to make sure the guest experience is seamless from one year to the next. It gives me great pride to know the event benefits such worthy charities as the Sandestin Foundation for Kids and Fisher House of the Emerald Coast, and we look forward to the continued partnership for many years to come."

"The Sandestin Wine Festival is truly a team effort, combined with the popularity of this annual world-class event and the generosity of our supporters contributing their time and resources," said **Teresa Halverson**, president of Fisher House of the Emerald Coast, Inc.



**Sandestin Wine Festival check presentation to Fisher House of the Emerald Coast. Front row, from left—Shirley Pigott, Keith Brown, Julie Stuckey, Teresa Halverson, Diane Walbeck, Jocelyn Cobb, and Jared Santos. Back row—Alan Meyers, Troy Sjostrom, Tony Clark, Leighann Elliott, Marc Ambrose, Art Meether, Ricky Wells, Kenneth Moak, Samantha Moak, Cory Gladdish, Gordy Fornell, and Jim Yurack.**

"This donation helps us keep military families together when facing a medical crisis, furthering the legacy began by Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher. We are blessed with community partners and volunteers with big hearts who believe like we do that family is the best medicine."

**Sara Becnel**, Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort executive director and co-trustee of the Sandestin Foundation for Kids, said, "We are so grateful to our community, the volunteers and everyone who made the 32nd Sandestin Wine Festival such a success. This generous support will allow the foundation to

make a direct and immediate impact on children and their families, both locally and around the world, who face challenges including health and economic issues."

The 33rd Annual Sandestin Wine Festival is set for **April 11-14, 2019**.  
- Aleis Tusa

## WSRE-TV Productions Win Two Telly Awards

**Two WSRE productions**, *In Your Own Backyard: The Gulf Coast Hot Air Balloon Festival* and *Best of StudioAmped: Volume 2*, have been awarded the bronze Telly Award for excellence in video and television production.

*In Your Own Backyard*, hosted by Sherri Hemminghaus Weeks, is about unique points of interest along the Gulf Coast. Producing this award-winning episode were WSRE's James Roy (writer, producer, videographer and editor), videographer Kendall

Faust and editor-videographer Ted King.

Previous Telly Award-winning episodes from the *In Your Own Backyard* series include "The Blue Angels Air Shows," "Pensacon," "Undersea Northwest Florida" and "Forts of Pensacola Bay: Advanced Redoubt."

*StudioAmped* is WSRE's long-running concert series featuring regional bands playing original music in the Jean & Paul Amos Performance Studio. Bill Harrell is the executive producer,

James Roy is director-editor, Allen Abrahamson and Jeff Jordan are the broadcast audio engineers, and Ted King is technical director.

*The Best of Studio Amped: Volume 2* is a 90-minute compilation of songs from seasons 5 through 9, showcasing 18 different bands—The Wide Open, Sugarcane Jane, Hotel Oscar, Timberhawk, Melissa Joiner, Post Pluto, Chris Alvarado, Paw Paw's Medicine Cabinet, Flow Tribe, The Vegabonds, Jeff Glickman & The Panhandle All Stars, Fatty Waters,

The Mulligan Brothers, Noiseheads, Southern Drawl Band, Lee Yankie & The Hellz Yeah, Willie Sugarcapps, and The Truth Featuring Cat Rhodes.

Both programs can be viewed online at **wsre.org/watch**.

Telly Awards are sought after by production companies, television stations, cable operators, advertising agencies, interactive agencies and corporate video departments around the world.

- Mary Riker



# The Ricochet Effect of Public Shaming Now on Full Display

By Mitch Albom, Tribune Content Agency

**I'm not sure** I ever wore a dunce cap. But I remember them. They came to a point, like a Conehead, and teachers made you wear them if you did something stupid.

I also remember "Go stand in the corner," another form of student punishment. You could sense the eyes of your classmates on your back as you wiggled with the hot flush of embarrassment. Sometimes you stood there for an hour. At least it felt like an hour.

These were ways, even for kids, to be publicly humiliated. If you trace the idea back, you'll find a time when we put people in stocks in the public square. The idea was if you shame someone in front of their peers, they'll think twice about repeating the offending behavior.

Today, we are much more "enlightened." We have no stocks. We would never make kids wear a dunce cap. Even standing in the corner is frowned upon. We are more sensitive to others. Bullying is a preeminent issue. Making people feel bad about who they are is taboo.

So it intrigued me to watch the recent public shaming of Sarah Huckabee Sanders, the White House Press Secretary, who went to a restaurant called the Red Hen in Virginia and was asked to leave by the owner, who was offended by Sanders' politics.

We also recently saw a Congresswoman, Maxine Waters, exhorting her supporters at a rally in Los Angeles, telling them, "If you see anybody from that (Trump) Cabinet in a restaurant, in a department store, at a gasoline station, you get out and create a crowd...and you tell them they're not welcome anymore, anywhere."

Public shaming. All that's missing is the dunce cap. Except this time, the dumb behavior is from the people who think they're being smart.

## "IT'S ON THE HOUSE"

Deep down, even Donald Trump haters know that telling a customer you disagree with to get out of your restaurant—on principle—won't win you any points. Our prickly history of telling those we don't like that they can't eat or drink in certain places should be enough to prohibit anyone from using similar behavior in 2018, no matter how righteous you think your cause may be.

The owner of the Red Hen, Stephanie Wilkinson, was actually at home when Sanders and her party came into the restaurant. Wilkinson told the *Washington Post* that she drove down after her employees informed her, and she asked what they wanted her to do. She said that some of her staff is gay, and they didn't like President Trump's stance on transgender people in the military, which Sanders, in her job as press secretary, had defended.

"I can ask her to leave," Wilkinson said she offered her employees. "They said yes."

At that point, the *Post* reported, she went over to Sanders and asked for a private word.

"I explained that the restaurant has certain standards that I feel it has to uphold, such as honesty and compassion and cooperation. I said, 'I'd like you to leave.'"

Sanders did not argue. She quickly departed. Her party followed, and reportedly offered to pay for the appetizers. The owner told them, "It's on the house."

How gracious. No charge for throwing you out.

## THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN

The fact that Wilkinson is being celebrated in certain corners as some kind of hero only shows you how deep into hypocrisy our angry divisions have thrown us. To use words like "honesty, compassion and cooperation" as reasons to evict someone shows a total lack of, well, honesty, compassion and cooperation.

If we're being "honest," was Sanders the first person to sit in that restaurant who may have had anti-transgender feelings? Yet those people were served. And since it is in Virginia, was Sanders even the first member of the Trump administration to eat there? Maybe others less recognizable had already come and gone.

As for "compassion," what compassion are you showing for someone who, for all you know, may struggle with certain elements of her job herself? What compassion are you showing in a country where the Supreme Court just ruled on gay customers being denied services in a cake shop, yet your gay staff members want you to refuse service to someone they don't like?

Nor is this about "cooperation." It's the opposite of cooperation. It's about your feelings trumping everything else, include decorum, manners or common decency. Sanders didn't murder anyone. She never physically harmed a member of the restaurant staff. She was simply on the other side of a political ideology. If that's cause for eviction, our forefathers might never have sat in the same room together.

## YOU GET WHAT YOU GIVE

Meanwhile, instead of criticizing the restaurant's behavior, instead of invoking the Michelle Obama suggestion, "When they go low, we go high," Waters, who as a congresswoman has an even greater responsibility to that principle, actually upped the ante. She called for public humiliation of every member of Trump's cabinet.

Think about the words she told her supporters to use: "You're not welcome anymore, anywhere." At a time when her biggest issues include immigration, racial injustice and LGBTQ rights, is that really a sentence she wants to invoke?





# To Have and Have Not

By Charles Morgan III

It's **not so** much what we had, it's what we didn't have.

We had the Jitney Jungle (with great cheeseburgers) and Odom's for grocery stores.

There was the Wharf, the Blue Room, Captain Dave's, the Quarterdeck, Fred's, Davey Jones Locker, the Green Knight, and Sandy Sands for restaurants.

Our charter boat fleet was comprised of fishing boats, and we knew the names of every boat and every captain and deckhand.

Jewel Melvin's and Sexton's (at the Kelly Docks) were our seafood markets.

There was parking on the outside lanes of Highway 98.

There were two service stations, and Buddy Runnel's dad offered shells and floats and stuff.

Bill Ming and Fred Jones ran our two marinas.

Don King had a plant nursery on Mountain Drive.

Bill Jones ran the drug store, but he closed every year the day after Labor Day.

Cox and Young were the realtors—John was the realtor, Bert was the appraiser.

Bill O'Connor sold insurance.

Paul Odom came to town, and we had our first doctor.

We didn't have any lawyers.

We had the beach, and it was totally accessible. We had the bay, and Crab Island was a real island with way more crabs than people.

We had more fish.

What we didn't have made us special and different. What we have now makes us more like every place else.

Now we've got 19 giant t-shirt shops where you can buy one shirt and get three free with sizes up to 6XL. And a free hermit crab. We have 10 corporate chain restaurants for every independent one. There are enough auto parts stores, car washes, and mattress outlets for a town 10 times our size.

We were amazed when Delchamps opened in the Shores Shopping Center. Now we have grocery stores bumping into each other. We have enough pontoon boats and jet skis to form a naval armada. It wouldn't be a particularly impressive squadron, but still.

Destin doesn't look much different than any sprawling land of strip centers in Atlanta or Birmingham. We've got the same stores that you'd find on any interstate exit from Mobile to Memphis.

It's funny how age works. It might just be a number, but look at the numbers.

Birth to 20 – Adolescence  
20-40 – Young in Age  
40-60 – Middle Age  
60-80 – Old Age  
80-100 – Elderly

As a disclaimer, I am old. So when I talk about “how thing were back then,” that's just the way old people think sometimes.

In the olden times, when you pulled up to one of the two four-way stops in Destin (we didn't have a traffic light), you would know everyone in the other cars at the intersection. Of course, Destin was much smaller.

I guess you could say there is more money in Destin now. I'm not sure about that. But I do know something else older people often say—“It's not all about the money.”

Tourism has been just about the only real industry Destin has ever had other than fishing. Tourism is a tough, fickle, demanding industry. It may be counterintuitive, but the more aggressively you try to lure visitors the harder it gets. Too often our area has fallen to desperate, frantic tactics to “put heads in beds.” It shows.

Another cliché old people use too much is “The horse is out of the barn.” In Destin there is no question that the horse has left the barn. The question is “How far out of the barn is the horse, and can we ever get him back?”

## Mitch Albom CONTINUED...

It's tough but simple. You can't play dirty and complain about the other side playing dirty. You can't show disrespect and claim you're being disrespected. Waters, on Friday, bemoaned having to cancel two events out of threats to her safety. Such threats, if made, are wrong and illegal. But can she be surprised? Did she think encouraging her supporters to harass public officials wouldn't spread like a fire to the other side?

We are now in a time when the head of Homeland Security is jeered publicly in a restaurant, and an intern for a Democratic senator, working at the Capitol, can yell “Mr. President, f--- you!” after Trump passes by, yet receive no worse than a one-week suspension.

A one-week suspension? Yes. And her boss, Sen. Maggie Hassan of New Hampshire, told the media that the intern, a young woman, “took full responsibility (for her actions)” while Trump has not.

This is a common defense. Donald Trump is crude, a bully, uncivil, mean. It's not us. He started it!

We used to say the same thing in grade school.

Teaching young people that it's not so bad to curse out the president, teaching restaurant owners that it's OK to toss customers for being on the other side of your politics, telling supporters that you should get ugly with any member of an administration you don't like, isn't going to get us away from an uncivil leader.

It's only going to make us more like him.

That may not warrant a dunce cap, but you can't really call it smart behavior, either.

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# It's Here! The Nation's First Underwater Art Museum

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**The nation's first** permanent Underwater Museum of Art (UMA) has officially opened in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Grayton Beach State Park in South Walton.

The UMA is the first presentation of the Cultural Arts Alliance of Walton County's (CAA) Art In Public Spaces Program and was produced in collaboration with the South Walton Artificial Reef Association (SWARA).

The purpose of the UMA is to create art that becomes marine habitat, expanding fishery populations and providing enhanced creative, cultural, economic and educational opportunities for the benefit, education and enjoyment of residents, students and visitors in South Walton.

On June 25, seven sculptures became part of the inaugural UMA installation: "Propeller in Motion" by Marek Anthony, "Self-Portrait" by Justin Gaffrey, "The Grayt Pineapple" by Rachel Herring, "JYC's Dream" by Kevin Reilly, "SWARA Skull" by Vince Tatum, "Concrete Rope Reef Spheres" by Evelyn Tickle and "Anamorphous Octopus" by Allison Wickey.

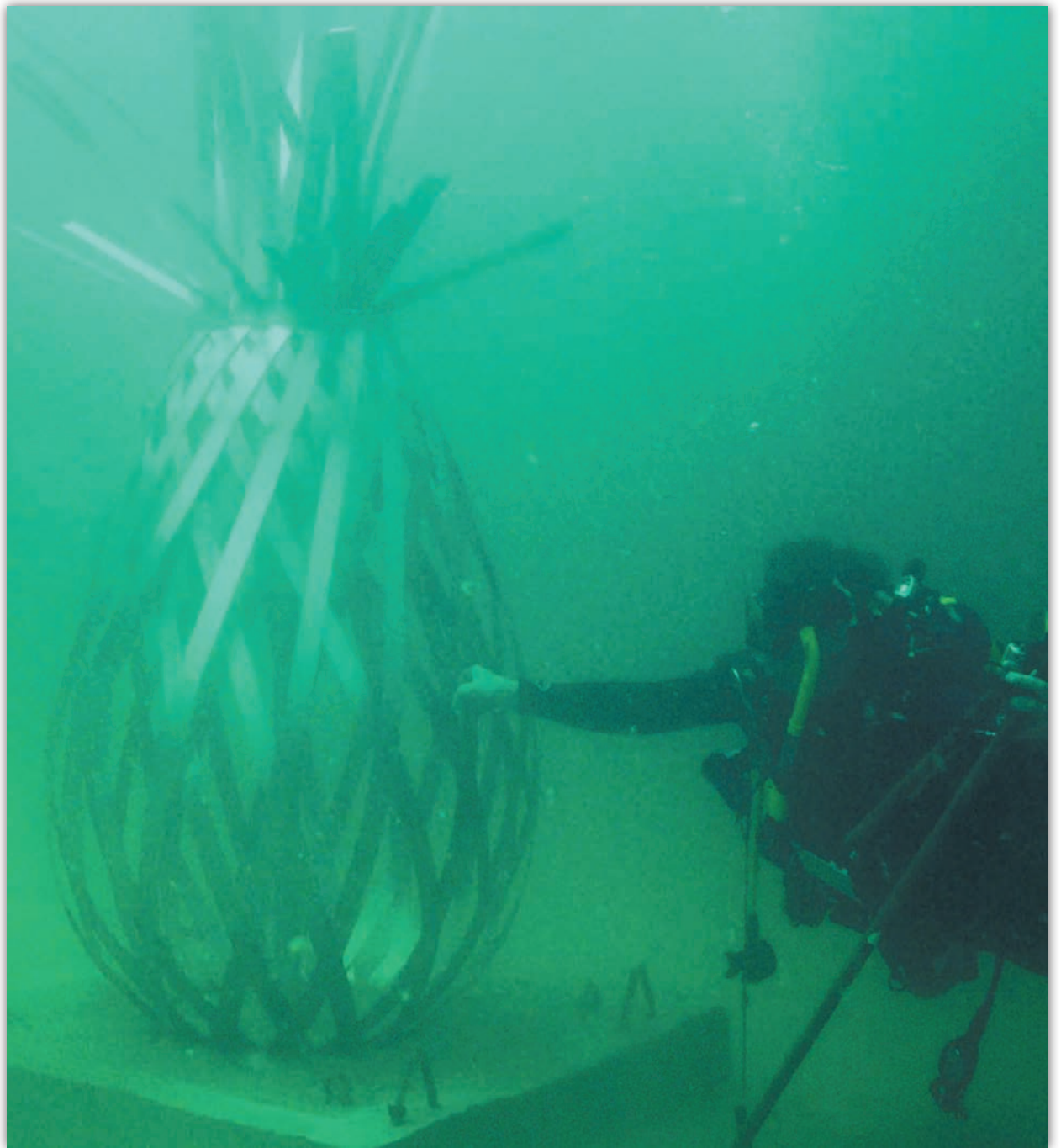
Around 80 onlookers, including many of the artists and project partners, were on site to view the historic deployment.

"After nearly two years of planning and fundraising, it was a surreal hour watching the artwork being lowered into the Gulf of Mexico," says CAA executive director **Jennifer Steele**. "From the moment Allison Wickey, our board president, brought this idea to the table as a co-project with SWARA, we have been encouraged by the excitement from and support by our local community and the national and international interest it has received.

"It has been a wonderfully challenging experience for the CAA to reach outside our comfort zone to make this vision a reality, and it could not have happened without our partnership with SWARA and contributions from Visit South Walton, the National Endowment for the Arts, The Alys Foundation, Visit Florida and all of the sculpture sponsors who wanted to be a part of this unique project."

The UMA was deployed with SWARA's existing USACOA and FDEP permitted artificial reef project that includes nine nearshore reefs located within one nautical mile of the shore in approximately 50-60 feet of water. A one-acre permit patch of seabed off Grayton Beach State Park has been dedicated to the CAA for the purpose of a permanent underwater sculpture exhibit. The UMA patch will continue to be filled with several sculptures annually.

"The perspective when viewing the sculptures in a marine environment is drastically different than when on land," says SWARA board president **Andy**



**McAlexander**, who dove the UMA site right after the deployment took place.

"The intent of the project was proven within an hour of deployment when we could see schools of bait fish swarming the structures, completely validating the entire effort. I have never been prouder to have had the privilege to work with such talented and visionary people in my life. This project has changed my perspective towards art."

Admission to the UMA is free. No ticket or reservation is required. However, there is a fee to enter Grayton Beach State Park. The UMA is only accessible in person as a dive location. Divers who wish to visit the site can take a dive boat .7 miles off the coast of Grayton Beach State Park. The coordinates for the

center sculpture (SWARA Skull) are Latitude N 30 18.754 Longitude W 86 09.522.

Out of respect for the art, boaters are asked to find the center location and then move away from the park to anchor in order to avoid damage to the artwork.

Visit **UMAFL.org** for information about dive shops, tours and obtaining your certification while visiting South Walton. There will also be photos and videos of the sculptures online, which will be updated periodically, in order to document the marine growth on each sculpture.

Artists interested in submitting artwork for consideration to the 2019 UMA installation can visit UMAFL.org to complete a pre-application.



# Art

## ART CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**AMUSE ART STUDIO**, 1389 N. CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach. Drawing and acrylic classes. Call 850-660-6560 for more info.

**ARTFUL THINGS**, 1087 East John Sims Parkway, Niceville. Call 850-729-2600 for more info.

**Tuesdays. Oil with Rosalyn O'Grady**, 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 PM. Cost is \$20 per session plus supplies. Call Ros at 850-865-5343. [rosalynogrady.com](http://rosalynogrady.com).

**Wednesdays. Watercolor with Lou Kaunzinger**, 10 AM-noon. Cost for four-week session is \$80 plus supplies. Call Lou at 850-897-1456.

**ARTISTS AT GULF PLACE**, 40 Town Center Loop, Santa Rosa Beach. Call 850-622-0400 or visit [www.artistsatgulfplace.com](http://www.artistsatgulfplace.com) for more info.

**ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) Classes at the Art Center Gallery**, Fort Walton Beach. More info at [artsdesignsociety.org](http://artsdesignsociety.org).

**Mondays and Wednesdays. Clay and Pottery Open Studio**, 9 AM-noon both days and 6:30-9 PM Mondays. Beginners welcome. Cost for morning classes with **Pat Basque and Sherry Cooler** is \$15 (\$12 for ADSO members). Cost for Monday evening class with **Marcy Eady** is \$15 (\$12 for ADSO members). Materials and firing included.

**Tuesdays. Art for Children Ages 6-12**, 4-5:30 PM. **Marcy Eady** teaches about the masters and their styles using principles of basic drawing, painting and sculpture. Media vary each week. Cost per month is \$70 (\$60 for ADSO members). All supplies included.

**Tuesdays. Oil Painting with Dale Gauvin**, 9 AM-1 PM. Learn the Chiaroscuro technique favored by the old masters. Cost is \$90 (\$80 for ADSO members).

**Tuesdays. Open Studio**, 7-9:30 PM. Bring your own supplies (except clay—no clay, please) and

work with other Beachcomberland artists. Cost is \$12 (\$10 for ADSO members). Call Marcy at 850-585-4967 by 5:30 p.m. to ensure access.

**Thursdays. Watercolor with Pat Farwell**, 9:30 AM-noon. For beginners and advanced artists. Bring your own supplies. Cost is \$90 (\$80 for ADSO members). Supply list available at the ADSO website.

**Fridays. Open Studio**, 10 AM-12:30 PM. Same as Tuesdays, but enter through the ADSO office, please.

**Aug. 9. Sip and Paint with Sharon James**, 6:30-8:30 PM. Theme for this session is "Giraffe of the Painter's Choice." Cost is \$40 (\$35 for ADSO members), all supplies included. Bring your beverage of choice while learning to paint with acrylics.



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Holly Bain took third place honors in the Arts and Design Society's FROM THE HEART show for her acrylic painting "The Offering." Other winners included Rick Otoupalik for "Mind & Body," mixed media, second honorable mention; Jim Eustace for his light work "Intertwined," first honorable mention; Helen Harris for "Central Park—I Love New York," paper cut art, second place; and Ruta Kanaporis for "Mr. Greenpants," oil, first place.

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ART EVENTS

**THROUGH JULY 22. SUMMER ROTATION AT THE FOSTER GALLERY, GRAND BOULEVARD AT SANDESTIN**

The latest group of artists to make the cut includes **Melody Bogle, Cheryl Burgess, Carol Ann Cain, Jacques Camp, Marscha Cavaliere, Donnelle Clark, Skip Deems, Judy Dewar, Joyful Enriquez, Capri Boyle Jones, Linda Kernick, Rosalyn O’Grady, William Polley, Lesha Porche, Mary Redmann, Kathleen Schumacher, Jenna Varney, and Krista Vind**. Selected by jury, all artists are members of the Cultural Arts Alliance and each will exhibit six to 10 pieces of work in their own section of the gallery. Also on display—a special exhibit by **Billy the Artist**.

**THROUGH JULY 27. ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY’S (ADSO) “SAVE THE EARTH/ ORGNANIC” SHOW AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH**

ADSO features works inspired by saving and/or destroying the environment.

**THROUGH JULY 31. ARLENE NEWSOME EXHIBIT AT COASTAL BRANCH LIBRARY, SANTA ROSA BEACH**

The artist’s photographs and glass and resin creations have been exhibited at Quincy’s Art and Things in Seaside, Affinity Boutique in Gulf Place, and Drift in Inlet Beach. Ms. Newsome’s work is also exhibited at the Mountain Made Gallery in Franklin, North Carolina. She was the 2013 winner of the People’s Choice Award at the juried art show “A Plus Arts” for her watercolor painting of an 800-year-old Italian

villa, and is also an active member of the Women’s Art Network and the Cultural Arts Alliance of Walton County.

Library hours are 9 AM-6 PM Mondays, and 9 AM-5 PM Tuesday through Saturday.

**THROUGH JULY 31. ADSO WINDOW GALLERY DISPLAY AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH**

The July spotlight is on the work of award-winning **Chique Brooks**, who specializes in portraits and florals, aiming to express elegance, warmth, wonder, whimsy and serenity in her work. Discover more at **akachique.com**.

**JULY 18. ADSO PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH**

All photographers, from beginners to professionals, are welcome to meet up from 6 to 8 PM. The group’s mission is “to encourage fellowship and to provide a place where photographers may discuss and exhibit their work.” Call Jim at 850-499-6699 for more info.

**JULY 25. ADSO MONTHLY LUNCHEON AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH**



**Connie Dismukes’** topic of discussion is “Come Closer to Sea Art on Glass.” The luncheon begins at 11:30 AM. Cost is \$12 if you make your reservations by Monday, **July 23**—after that, it’s \$15. Email **adsorsvp@gmail.com** or call 850-244-1271.

Ms. Dismukes’ original art consists of prolific abstract, coastal and inspirational pieces. Her “glass expression” technique involves resin, oils, custom inks, incandescent, precious metals, and chemical effects on glass. She is a graduate of the University of Memphis and a world traveler. Discover more at **prestigecoastalart.com**.

ART GALLERIES

**ADARO ART** features works from 2015 South Walton Artist of the Year Juan Francisco Adaro, as well as other well-known local and international artists. Open daily from 10 AM to 5 PM. Now located in the Shops at the Hub, 7000 E. Scenic Highway 30A, Suite 21, Watersound, 561-985-5767. Email **adaro.art@gmail.com** or visit **adaroart.com** for more info.

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**ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY** Features art shows by local and regional artists. Open afternoons Tuesday through Saturday. Shows change monthly. Art classes and workshops in various media. 17 First Street SE, Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-1271. **www.artsdesignsociety.org**.

**CHROMA STUDIO & GALLERY** features the art of South Walton’s 2018 Artist of the Year **Kathleen Broaderick**. Browse Kathleen’s original oil paintings in the gallery or take a boutique paint class in Kathleen’s studio. Kathleen offers oil painting workshops featuring her energetic, loose and colorful style, as well as acrylic paint classes for artists and non-artists alike. The CHROMA Studio & Gallery is a place where guests will feel comfortable expressing themselves and finding joy in art. CHROMA is located at 3925 West County Highway 30A in Santa Rosa Beach (just west of Goatfeathers restaurant). Visit **www.CHROMA30A.com** or call 1-844-5-CHROMA for more information.

**FULL CIRCLE GALLERY AND STUDIO** is a contemporary and inspirational art space. We feature the works of regional artists in our gallery and offer an array of art classes with award-winning artists. We also have Paint Your Own Pottery. Come get creative with us! Located at 29B Eglin Parkway SE, Fort Walton Beach, 850-362-8041. **www.fullcirclefwb.com**.

**G & CO. GALLERY** (formerly Geana’s Art Gallery) Located in City Market, Destin. An exciting art gallery and full service frame and mirror shop offering a large selection of local, regional and international artists ranging from local photography to original fine art. Quality and value is second to none. We ship worldwide. 850-650-0779. **www.GAndCoGallery.com**.

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more info, call 850-218-2155 and “like” HH Arts on Facebook.

**THE JUSTIN GAFFREY GALLERY** features the coastal contemporary paintings and sculptures of local artist Justin Gaffrey. Visit the gallery to browse through Justin’s coastal landscape, floral, and still-life paintings or stroll through the sculpture garden to view the various welded steel sculptures. Justin is most recognized for his heavily textured, heavy bodied acrylic, palette knife paintings of the local landscape, florals, and wildlife. The Justin Gaffrey Gallery is located at 21 Blue Gulf Drive along Scenic highway 30A in Blue Mountain Beach. Visit **justingaffrey.com** or stop by the gallery Monday through Saturday from 10 AM to 6 PM. Follow the Justin Gaffrey Gallery on Facebook and Instagram to see Justin’s most recent creations.

**MARY HONG GALLERY** Located in Grayton Beach (Shops of Grayton), Destin (next to Ulta and Michael’s), Nashville (4th and Union next to DoubleTree Hotel) and on Magazine Street in New Orleans. Mary Hong, the 2014 South Walton Artist of the Year, has been featured in over 10 publications and has appeared on *Emeril’s Florida* TV show and HGTV’s *House Hunters*. Mary’s take on glass art incorporates the use of repurposed glass on painted canvas. She and her team offer classes at The Shard Shop, located adjacent to or inside her gallery locations. Classes are offered four to five times a day, and there is an extensive retail section full of thousands of pounds of glorious glass and art kits to take your ShardWorx on the go. We host parties and team events, too. Grayton Beach gallery open seven days a week, 9:30 AM-5 PM 850-231-1416. **MaryHongStudio.com**.

**THE SHARD SHOP** open seven days a week, 9:15 AM-4 PM. 850-231-0544. **ShardShop.com/Grayton**. Destin gallery and Shard Shop open seven days a week, 9 AM-7 PM. 850-842-4440. **ShardShop.com/Destin**.

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CALL TO ARTISTS

**Arts and Design Society’s “Movie Re-Do” Show** Open to all interested artists. Artists will create a poster for a real or imagined movie in any medium. Cash awards. The show runs **July 31-Aug. 31** at the Art Center Gallery in Fort Walton Beach with a reception **Aug. 3**.

Turn in work at the Art Center Gallery in Fort Walton Beach Saturday, **July 28**, 1-4 PM, and Monday, **July 30**, 9 AM-noon. Copy of entry form with details available at **ArtsDesignSociety.org**. Call 850-244-1271 for more info.

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Congrats to Bands of 30A on raising \$5,500 for Westonwood Ranch at their most recent benefit concert. Also, what is that lady on the far left doing to that kid?

@yaherd\_meigh  
Another (yawn) stunning wedding photo from our friend Edward McGrath. As long as he keeps tagging us... no end in sight, folks.



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Poor fish was tricked into taking its last selfie ever.

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# The Betsy Badwater Story

By Nikki Hedrick

**“Everything that happens** to me seems to be a long and interesting story. That’s my gift in life, is I get to live an interesting one.” And so begins the tale of **Betsy Badwater**, the Pensacola musician who has just released her tenth album.

Ten albums in around 20 years is nothing to sneeze at, but Badwater downplays the importance. “I mean, I just learned how to play guitar 15 years ago, but I was still doing music before that. I went to Florida State. I partied. I had a band. But it’s number 10, and this one took me three years to make.”

The recently released *In Spades* is a milestone for Badwater, who says, “This was the first one that we really knew what we were doing, and it was very deliberate.

“We produced for television and film, and so it was very important to us to get the big atmospheric, rich, dense quality that would be good for a movie soundtrack. We let that drive how we were going to put everything together. And I say we—that we is me and Jordan Kimsey and Ben Lorio.”

Kimsey makes up the other half of Badwater’s band while Lorio’s New Orleans-based Below Productions studio served as the primary backdrop for the album’s production.

“One neat feature about this record is that Ben Lorio had to go out of town whenever I was supposed to do my final vocal,” says Badwater. “And I had already planned the time off work, so I hightail it over there to Orleans and he was like, ‘Oh my god, I got to go out of town, and it’s like this emergency.’

“So he gave me a crash course in ProTools, set me up a 1728 house, like from back when New Orleans was still France. I recorded all of my own vocals and edited them. I did all of that myself. It was so cool. It was one of my favorite memories of my whole life where I was actually getting to sit in this old-ass building and sing my heart out for a week and get the vocals for all of the songs done, with the exception of one. For it, we did a scratch track while I had pneumonia. My voice sounded crazy and we liked it so much, we actually kept the scratch track.”

Badwater is the daughter of primitive Baptist preachers, and gospel music was a constant growing up. “I started singing in church when I wasn’t even walking yet. Then I was making up songs whenever I was playing in the yard as a little kid. But I was about 12 when I started trying to deliberately write stories and songs and everything.”

A few high school bands followed. Badwater’s primary instrument was the saxophone. The guitar wouldn’t make an appearance until years later.

She found her way back to music 15 years ago out of necessity. “I needed some money,” she says.

“At the time I was the principal at Santa Rosa Juvenile Residential Facility. The wage that they paid me put me in a higher tax bracket than I was used to because I had been a schoolteacher for 10 years. So my first paycheck was like nothing. And we were down to our last box of macaroni and cheese, me and my little baby son.

“I saw a sign that said Cash Prize for Karaoke. I looked at him—he’s this little toddler in his little car seat over there—and I was like, ‘I’m going to go win that money for us, baby.’ So I dropped him off at the grandparents’ house and I went and I did a Patsy Cline song. And this fella came up to me and I don’t know if he was even affiliated with the place, but he handed me two \$100 bills, and he said, ‘Get out of here.’ And I was like, ‘I’m out. Thank you. Bye.’ That got us through.”

It was enough to lead Badwater back to music.

“I’m not a professional,” says Badwater. “I’m just feeling it out and whenever it feels good to me, then if it sticks I’ll keep doing that. If it sounds dim, I’ll stop. Most of the time I try not to make too big of a mess of things.”

There is another hat that has garnered Badwater an active following. She is a tattoo artist and owner of Sweet Betsy Tattoos. “During the process of getting tattooed by Andrew Trull, seeing my drawings and my ideas and stuff, he’s like, ‘Have you ever thought about tattooing for a living?’ And I laughed at him. I was like, ‘Yeah, right, I’ve thought about it like I’ve thought about skydiving for a living. No one does this. You guys are some kind of weird, strange creature.’



“So it had been a year since Andrew had made that comment to me,” says Badwater. “And I was up there on tour and I was painting on this big giant canvas—this enormous multi-artist mural at Immortal Images Tattoo Studio in Charlotte, North Carolina, and Andrew was there. Everyone was asleep in the studio, and it was just the stroke of midnight. And this preacher came on the radio and he was saying, ‘Hey, man, I’ve got a hold of my future...’ So I woke up Andrew and was like, ‘Hey, let’s do it. I’ll

learn to tattoo.’ He moved down from Chicago to Pensacola and taught me how to tattoo. That’s what I’ve been doing ever since.”

October will mark Badwater’s tenth year as a tattoo artist. Whatever Badwater goes after, she does it full force, constantly learning and growing as an artist.

Keep up with the music side of Betsy Badwater at **Facebook.com/BetsyBadwater**.



# Living and Learning #concussionlife

By Casey Kearney

**It's been almost** one month since I was rear-ended and got my second concussion since February. I have had to learn so much about myself, brain trauma and how to manage life since then.

To be perfectly honest, I'm pretty tired of talking about my head. I'm tired of saying phrases like "I'm sorry, but my head..." then explaining, "Yes, I had two concussions in four months, and the symptoms won't go away—it's Post Concussive Syndrome." Or having to admit, "That might be too much for me to try to do, *blah, blah, blah*..."

I look normal. I can make it appear that everything is fine on social media, and then when I'm laid up for a few days, it's confusing. I have started back playing a lot of my gigs, which in some ways is great—other moments, I feel really miserable and know it's not the best thing to do. It's a weird balance between not overdoing it and making sure you don't just give up.

I'm the one grimacing at shrill loud noises that sound normal and fine to everyone else in the room. I typically have no music or podcasts on while I drive because it takes full concentration to drive, and even low volume music uses a lot of brain energy.

Everything feels delayed, like I'm in a fog, I see you, I hear you, but my reaction time is delayed. Some days the pressure is intense—it feels like my brain is about to explode through my eyeballs.

Rainy days are worse. Dizziness and headaches are the norm, though some moments are better than others. My regimen of Motrin and caffeine to get me through has not seemed to help this time around. The doctor said that it is normal for the second concussion to be more intense. I could mask the symptoms before, but this one is less manageable. I'm hoping with time that I will get more consistent relief.

I started easing back into a few gigs. It's summer, the busiest time of the year, and I was missing it. Most of my gigs are low light, pretty laid back—just me and my guitar, so I hoped it could work. Some days are better than others. The other night I thought I wasn't gonna make it through, but thankfully nine o'clock hit and I survived.

I was excited to have my new baby nephew Jasper and his family make it out to a show. He is the little baby we were heading to the hospital to deliver when we got rear-ended. We are so thankful for his safe delivery and that he and his mama are healthy.

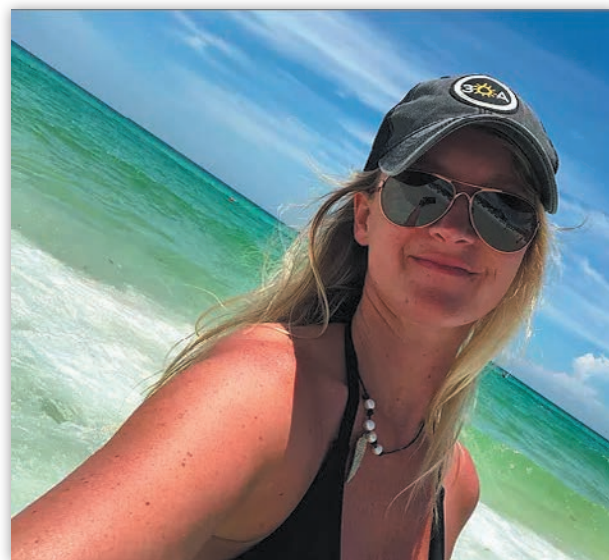
I still haven't been able to return to playing at church. We have a full band, but bass and drums of any kind are painful.

I have been learning really great information and finding helpful explanations for me and the kids to understand. Tricks like "Time Over Task" where you plan to do short increments of an activity rather than complete the whole task at one time and risk neuro-fatigue. It's frustrating for a personality like mine, but helpful.

Even just learning that there is a name to go with my symptoms made me feel less crazy—wow, they get it! I literally cried when I stumbled upon some of the articles because it made me feel relieved to see there were explanations and people who understood my symptoms.

I have been trying to enjoy summer as best I can. I have my paddleboard to help with relaxing, equilibrium, balance, etc. I could live on it, it's so peaceful, but even that has to be done in very short spans. I'm afraid to fall and get hurt again so I'm super careful. I don't want the kids to be laid up all summer just because I'm not 100 percent. I'm thankful for friends and family who have helped them do the things I can't.

I have chosen to not post every single update on social media because it's quite a roller coaster and who wants all that depressingness? The doctor appointments, ridiculous insurance, and the legal



stuff are all so annoying. I figure my blog posts are helpful to give the reality of what I'm still dealing with for anyone who kind of cares.

I look forward to the day I can say "What concussions? I'm fully recovered!"

*This article originally appeared, in slightly different form, at [CaseyKearney.com](http://CaseyKearney.com).*





# Music > The Pauseandplay.com Record Roundup

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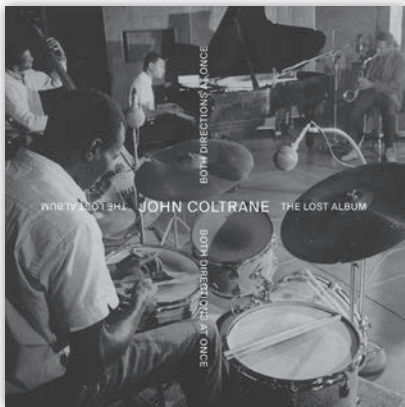
**The Stanley Clarke Band**  
*The Message*  
Mack Avenue Records



Bass legend Clarke and his band—twentysomethings Beka Gochiashvili (piano), Cameron Graves (keyboards) and Mike Mitchell (drums)—step out into a fusion festival on *The Message*. It’s only natural that Clarke chose young players—he himself was gigging at age 15, before moving on to sit in with Chick Corea and Return to Forever, Pharaoh Saunders, Art Blakey and other giants. The lush, spacey and occasionally majestic sounds that emerge from this quartet would do justice to a much larger combo. Some low-key tracks give the musicians time to sit back and just enjoy their playing.

- Bruce Collier

**John Coltrane**  
*Both Directions at Once*  
Impulse!



This is the latest “lost album” from saxophonist John Coltrane. It was reportedly recorded in March of 1963 at the legendary Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey studio of Rudy Van Gelder. With Coltrane are McCoy Tyner (piano), Jimmy Garrison (bass) and Elvin Jones (drums). There’s some dispute over how “lost” the album is, but the tapes were in the possession of Coltrane’s first wife’s family. It’s a mixed bag, sometimes rough, with tracks labeled “Untitled Original” and alternate takes (always a joy

for collectors). Whether you’re a Coltrane fan or just a jazz history buff, you have no choice but to listen.

- Bruce Collier

**Ryan Durham**  
*You’re There*  
Independent



Tallahassee-based contemporary Christian artist knows how to pack an emotional punch. With soaring vocals and beautiful, evocative production, Durham is apt to make a few new fans. This is a skillful release from a local artist working in a genre that is woefully underexplored in the region. *You’re There* is a top-notch album that will help diversify the music community a bit more.

- Nikki Hedrick

**Charles Lloyd & The Marvels + Lucinda Williams**  
*Vanished Gardens*  
Blue Note



Jazz saxman and reedist Lloyd would likely describe himself as a world musician, whose work has “danced on many shores,” but he *is* a Memphis native. You can hear that from the first bars of *Vanished Gardens*. Lloyd is joined by power quartet The Marvels (featuring Bill Frisell, amen) and blues-country singer and songwriter Lucinda Williams. There’s a lot of stuff going on here—you can pick up jazz, blues, country, rock and folk. Lloyd lets his

hounds loose to follow their own respective trails. He remains a presence on most tracks, though, trailing along on multiple instruments.

- Bruce Collier

**Oracle**  
*Into the Unknown*  
Independent



Mobile, Alabama’s Oracle serve up a striking blend of atmospheric and brutal takes on metal. Avoiding trends, they give birth to a refined death-metal adjacent album full of blast beats and evil guitar solos. But if you think all metal can be summed up in loud noise and growled lyrics, give “A Breathless October” a spin. It’s a haunting, cinematic instrumental that might flip your perspective about just how encompassing the genre can be.

- Nikki Hedrick

**Out of the Question**  
*In Two*  
Independent



Pensacola indie rockers meld the worlds of garage experimentation and alternative vibe. The two-person studio project revels in post-genre sensibilities, with lyrics ranging from the morose to the offbeat (I’m looking at you, “Little Red Golfcarts”). Songs like “Willful Ignorance (Tried To Pretend)” —with its choppy guitar riff and catchy chorus—underscores Out of the Question’s strong songwriting ability.

- Nikki Hedrick



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# Live Music

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## THURSDAY, JULY 12

**AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach**  
CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 PM

**AL’S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island, AlsBeachClub.com**  
BLAKE BROCK, 5-9 PM  
*Beach Luau Party*

**BAYTOWNE LIVE, The Village of Baytowne Wharf, BaytowneWharf.com**  
HOWLIN’ JACK, 7-10 PM

**CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com**  
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 PM

**CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin, CaptDavesOnTheGulf.com**  
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

**EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach**  
JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 5:30-9:30 PM

**FIVE SISTERS BLUES CAFÉ, Pensacola**  
JOE FINGAS, 6-9 PM

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
GRAPE DRINK, 7 PM

**GROWLER GARAGE 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, GrowlerGarage30A.com**  
MAX McCANN, 5-8 PM

**LA PLAYA, Santa Rosa Beach**  
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 PM  
*Ladies Night*

**LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin**  
DINO LOURDI, 6 PM

**THE PERFECT PIG, Santa Rosa Beach**  
ROB ROMANS, 6 PM

**POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach**  
DIKI ROSS, 6-9 PM

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

**REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com**  
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 PM

**THE REP THEATRE, Seaside, LoveTheREP.com**  
THE BRYAN KENNEDY SHOW with KEVIN BOYLE and Special Guests DUKE BARDWELL & FRIENDS  
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**RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin**  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 PM  
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
JOHN HOORMANN, 8 PM-Midnight

**30AVENUE, Inlet Beach**  
BO SPRING BAND, 6-9 PM

**VINNIE MCGUIRE’S, Destin**  
BOB CUSHING, 6 PM

## FRIDAY, JULY 13

**AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach**  
BRANDON DAY, 2-6 PM

**AL’S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island, AlsBeachClub.com**  
THE GOOD LOOKINGS, 8 PM-Midnight

**ANGLERS, Okaloosa Island**  
BOBBYD, 6:30-9:30 PM

**BRIC A BRAC, Destin**  
JONES & COMPANY, 7-10 PM

**CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin, CaptDavesOnTheGulf.com**  
DIKI ROSS, 5-9 PM

**ELKS, Okaloosa Island**  
RETROACTIVE, 6:30-9:30 PM

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
I’MAGENE, 8 PM

**GROWLER GARAGE 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, GrowlerGarage30A.com**  
DRU CARTER, 5-8 PM

**KC’S SANDBAR & GRILLE, Fort Walton Beach**  
FINGA FAYA, 9 PM-1 AM

**LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin**  
NICK AND THE OVOROLS, 1 PM  
CADILLAC ATTACK, 6 PM

**MODICA MARKET, Seaside**  
THE STEENOS, 5-7 PM

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

**RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin**  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 PM  
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)

**STANDING ROOM ONLY, Niceville**  
CATALYST, 9 PM-1 AM

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

**30A HORSE FARM AT ARNETT’S GULFSIDE, Santa Rosa Beach, ArnettFarm30A.com**  
DAVID SEERING, 7 PM  
*The Friday Farmhouse Concert Series welcomes the 2009-10 Beachcomber Music Award winner for Best Male Vocalist. Doors open at 6:30. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$25 preferred VIP seating. Call 850-208-3114 for more info.*

**30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
Friday Night Originals, 7 PM

**THE 30A STORE, Seagrove Beach**  
CASEY KEARNEY, 6 PM

**30AVENUE, Inlet Beach**  
LOS LOCOS, 6-9 PM

**VINNIE MCGUIRE’S, Destin**  
BOB CUSHING, 6 PM

## SATURDAY, JULY 14

**AJ’S, Grayton Beach**  
CASEY KEARNEY, 6 PM

**AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach**  
BRANDON DAY, 2-6 PM

**AL’S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island, AlsBeachClub.com**  
THE GOOD LOOKINGS, 8 PM-Midnight

**BRIC A BRAC, Destin**  
COCONUT RADIO, 6 PM

**CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin, CaptDavesOnTheGulf.com**  
JIM COUCH, 5-9 PM

**EL JALISCO, Destin**  
MAT HALL, 5-9 PM

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
CAT RHODES, 8 PM

**GROWLER GARAGE 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, GrowlerGarage30A.com**  
“SHANK,” 5-8 PM

**HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, EmeraldGrande.com**  
THE GRAYTONES, 7:30 PM  
*Rock the Docks*

**JIMMY BUFFETT’S MARGARITAVILLE, HarborWalk Village**  
BOB CUSHING, 6 PM  
BRANDON DAY & ADRIAN HOWLAND, 9 PM-Midnight

**LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin**  
WEBB DALTON BAND, 1 PM  
ALLEN RAYFIELD, 6 PM

**MEZCAL, Seagrove Beach**  
DIKI ROSS, 6-10 PM

**THE OTHER END, Destin**  
ROB ROMANS, 6 PM

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

**REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com**  
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 PM

**RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin**  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 PM  
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)

**SANDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach**  
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

**WORLD OF BEER, Destin**  
JOE FINGAS, Noon-4 PM

## SUNDAY, JULY 15

**AJ’S, Grayton Beach**  
THE PICKLED PICKERS, 4-8 PM

**AL’S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island, AlsBeachClub.com**  
DINO LOURDI, 5-9 PM

**CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com**  
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 AM-Noon

**EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach**  
JIM COUCH, 5:30-9:30 PM

**FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach**  
DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 AM

**FLORA-BAMA YACHT CLUB, Perdido Key**  
CASEY KEARNEY, 5 PM

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
Jazz Jam with MATT McCARTY, 7-10 PM

**GROWLER GARAGE 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, GrowlerGarage30A.com**  
SCOTT ROCKWOOD & SHAWN HARTUNG, 4-7 PM

**GULF PLACE ON 30A, Santa Rosa Beach**  
I’MAGENE, 6-8 PM

**KENNY D’S, Miramar Beach**  
BOB CUSHING, 6 PM

**LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin**  
BOUKOU GROOVE, 1 PM  
HOWLIN’ JACK, 6 PM

**THE OTHER END, Destin**  
ROB ROMANS, 5 PM

**POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach**  
BOBBYD, 2-5 PM



# UPCOMING MUSIC RELEASES

## JULY 13

**Between the Buried and Me, Automata II**

**Elvin Bishop’s Big Fun Trio, Something Smells Funky ‘Round Here**

**Body/Head, The Switch.** Kim Gordon and Bill Nace. Also on vinyl.

**Jon Cleary, Dyna-Mite.** Also on vinyl.

**Cowboy Junkies, All That Reckoning.** Also on vinyl.

**Rodney Crowell, Acoustic Classics.** Also on vinyl.

**Deafheaven, Ordinary Corrupt Human Love.** Also on vinyl.

**Dirty Projectors, Lamp Lit Prose.** Also on vinyl.

**Jim Gaffigan, Noble Ape.** Also on vinyl.

**Jason Isbell, Sirens of the Ditch (Deluxe Edition).** Also on vinyl.

**The Jayhawks, Backroads and Abandoned Motels.** Also on vinyl.

**Luluc, Sculptor.** Also on vinyl.

**The National, Boxer (Live in Brussels)**

**Slightly Stoopid, Everyday Life, Everyday People.** Also on vinyl.

**Wimps, Garbage People.** Also on vinyl, cassette.

**Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack)**

## JULY 20

**The Agony Scene, Tormentor.** Also on vinyl.

**Rick Astley, Beautiful Life.** Also on vinyl, cassette.

**Paul Carrack, These Days.** Also on vinyl.

**Lori McKenna, The Tree.** Also on vinyl.

**Pram, Across the Meridian**

**Ty Segall & White Fence, Joy.** Also on vinyl.

**Skeletonwitch, Devouring Radiant Light**

**Soul Asylum, Made to Be Broken.** 1986 album with 15 bonus tracks.

**Ume, Other Nature.** Also on vinyl.

**Sources:** allmusic.com, metacritic.com, Pauseandplay.com





# Live Music

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
DREAD CLAMPITT, 11 PM-3 PM and 7-10 PM

**STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach**  
THE STEENOS with FRANKO "WASHBOARD" JACKSON, 11 AM

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

**WATERSOUND ORIGINS – VILLAGE COMMONS, Watersound**  
BRIAN WHITE & KARYN WILLIAMS, 4-6 PM

**MONDAY, JULY 16**

**AJ'S, Destin**  
MAT HALL, 4-8 PM

**AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach**  
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

**THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin**  
ROSHAMBO, 9 PM-1 AM

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
Blues Jam, 7-10 PM

**GROWLER GARAGE 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, GrowlerGarage30A.com**  
JORDAN BALLANTYNE, 5-8 PM

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin**  
RONNIE PRESLEY, 6 PM

**POMPANO JOE'S, Miramar Beach**  
SILVIA MADRIAGA

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
DREAD CLAMPITT, 7-10 PM

**ROSEMARY BEACH**  
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-9 PM  
*Concerts on the Lawn*

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

**TUESDAY, JULY 17**

**AJ'S, Destin**  
MOCK OF AGES: A TRIBUTE TO DEF LEPPARD, 10 PM  
*Street Party Summer Concert Series*

**AL'S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island, AlsBeachClub.com**  
ROBERT WRIGHT, 5-9 PM

**BAYTOWNE LIVE, The Village of Baytowne Wharf, BaytowneWharf.com**  
STEVIE HALL, 7-10 PM

**BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton**  
Open Mic Night, 8 PM

**THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin**  
ROB ROMANS, 4 PM

**BUSTER'S BEER AND BAIT, Panama City Beach**  
BOB CUSHING, 6 PM

**CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com**  
BLAKE GRIFFITHS, 3-5 PM

**EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach**  
JIM COUCH, 5:30-9:30 PM

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
SCHATZI + THE STRING BOFFIN, 7 PM

**GROWLER GARAGE 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, GrowlerGarage30A.com**  
KRISTIN BARKULOO, 5-8 PM

**LA PAZ, Destin, LaPazDestin.com**  
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM  
*Taco Tuesday*

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin**  
LEE YANKIE, 6 PM

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

**REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com**  
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 PM

**RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin**  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 PM

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 18**

**AL'S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island, AlsBeachClub.com**  
MYKE VAN NESS, 5-9 PM  
*Okaloosa Island Freedom Fireworks at 9!*

**BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton**  
Open Mic Night, 8 PM

**CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com**  
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 PM

**FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666**  
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 PM

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
CAT RHODES & THE TRUTH, 7 PM

**GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach**  
Wailing Wednesday Blues Jam with JOE FINGAS & P-NUT, 9 PM-Midnight

**GROWLER GARAGE 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, GrowlerGarage30A.com**  
BOB CUSHING, 5-8 PM

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin**  
ALVARADO ROAD SHOW, 6 PM

**OCEAN CLUB, Miramar Beach**  
EMERALD GOLD, 7 PM

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

**REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com**  
Open Mic Night, 7-10 PM

**RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin**  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 PM  
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)

**SANDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach**  
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
JOHN HOORMANN, 8 PM-Midnight

**30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
TED ROCKET Radio Program, 7-8 PM

**THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com**  
THE RIB BONES, 7-9 PM  
*FREE Wednesday Night Concert Series*

**VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola**  
PEPPER – KASH'D OUT – KBONG, 6:30 PM

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Live Music

THURSDAY, JULY 19

**AJ’S, Destin**  
MAT HALL, 4-8 PM

**AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach**  
CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 PM

**AL’S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island, AlsBeachClub.com**  
BRANDON MADDOX, 5-9 PM  
*Beach Luau Party*

**BAYTOWNE LIVE, The Village of Baytowne Wharf, BaytowneWharf.com**  
HOWLIN’ JACK, 7-10 PM

**CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com**  
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 PM

**CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin, CaptDavesOnTheGulf.com**  
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

**CLUB LA VELA, Panama City Beach**  
LIL BABY, 7 PM

**EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach**  
JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 5:30-9:30 PM

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
QWERTY, 7 PM

**GRAYTON BEER COMPANY, Santa Rosa Beach**  
ROB ROMANS, 5 PM

**GROWLER GARAGE 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, GrowlerGarage30A.com**  
MAX McCANN, 5-8 PM

**GULF PLACE ON 30A, Santa Rosa Beach**  
CASEY KEARNEY, 5 PM

**LA PLAYA, Santa Rosa Beach**  
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 PM  
*Ladies Night*

**LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin**  
ALVARADO ROAD SHOW, 6 PM

**POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach**  
DIKI ROSS, 6-9 PM

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

**REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com**  
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 PM

**RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin**  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 PM  
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
JOHN HOORMANN, 8 PM-Midnight

**30AVENUE, Inlet Beach**  
THE MOON LAGOONS, 6-9 PM

**VINNIE McGUIRE’S, Destin**  
BOB CUSHING, 6 PM

FRIDAY, JULY 20

**AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach**  
SUPERFACED, 6-10 PM

**AL’S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island, AlsBeachClub.com**  
NEW EARTH ARMY, 8 PM-Midnight

**ANGLERS, Okaloosa Island**  
BOBBYD, 6:30-9:30 PM

**BRIC A BRAC, Destin**  
JONES & COMPANY, 7-10 PM

**CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin, CaptDavesOnTheGulf.com**  
DIKI ROSS, 5-9 PM

**ELKS, Okaloosa Island**  
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 8-11 PM

**GROWLER GARAGE 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, GrowlerGarage30A.com**  
SCOTT ROCKWOOD, 5-8 PM

**THE HUB 30A, Santa Rosa Beach**  
MICHELLE MALONE

**LOS CABOS, Navarre**  
MAT HALL, 5-9 PM

**LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin**  
JIMMY LUMPKIN & THE REVIVAL, 1 PM  
LEFTY COLLINS, 6 PM

**MODICA MARKET, Seaside**  
THE STEENOS, 5-7 PM

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

**RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin**  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 PM  
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

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GARY HANNAN & JULIANNE ANKLEY, 7 PM  
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Friday Night Originals, 7 PM

**THE 30A STORE, Seagrove Beach**  
CASEY KEARNEY, 6 PM

**30AVENUE, Inlet Beach**  
THE GOOD LOOKINGS, 6-9 PM

**VINNIE McGUIRE’S, Destin**  
BOB CUSHING, 6 PM

**VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola**  
SLEEPING WITH SIRENS – THE ROCKET  
SUMMER – KULICK, 5:30 PM

SATURDAY, JULY 21

**AJ’S, Grayton Beach**  
CASEY KEARNEY, 6 PM

**AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach**  
BRANDON DAY, 1-5 PM

**AL’S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island, AlsBeachClub.com**  
YEAH, PROBABLY, 8 PM-Midnight

**BRIC A BRAC, Destin**  
COCONUT RADIO, 6 PM

**CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin, CaptDavesOnTheGulf.com**  
JIM COUCH, 5-9 PM

**EL JALISCO, Destin**  
MAT HALL, 5-9 PM



Yeah, Probably perform at Al's Beach Club on Okaloosa Island Saturday, July 21.

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
PORCH 40, 8 PM

**GROWLER GARAGE 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, GrowlerGarage30A.com**  
"SHANK," 5-8 PM

**HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, EmeraldGrande.com**  
GRAPE DRINK, 7:30 PM  
*Rock the Docks*

**JIMMY BUFFETT'S MARGARITAVILLE, HarborWalk Village**  
BOB CUSHING, 6 PM  
BRANDON DAY & ADRIAN HOWLAND, 9 PM-Midnight

**LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin**  
JIMMY LUMPKIN & THE REVIVAL, 1 PM  
MASON HERMAN, 6 PM  
*Mr. Herman comes from Memphis and brings an honest and soulful approach to some of your favorite songs of yesteryear.*

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

**RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin**  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 PM  
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)

**SANDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach**  
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

SUNDAY, JULY 22

**AJ’S, Destin**  
JONES & COMPANY, 4-8 PM

**AJ’S, Grayton Beach**  
THE PICKLED PICKERS, 3-7 PM

**AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach**  
MAT HALL, 1-5 PM

**AL’S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island, AlsBeachClub.com**  
DINO LOURDI, 5-9 PM

**CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com**  
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 AM-Noon

**EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach**  
JIM COUCH, 5:30-9:30 PM

**FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach**  
DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 AM

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
Jazz Jam with MATT McCARTY, 7-10 PM

**GROWLER GARAGE 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, GrowlerGarage30A.com**  
SCOTT ROCKWOOD & SHAWN HARTUNG, 4-7 PM

**GULF PLACE ON 30A, Santa Rosa Beach**  
JP SOARS & THE RED HOTS, 6-8 PM

**THE HUB 30A, Santa Rosa Beach**  
CASEY KEARNEY, 7 PM

**KENNY D’S, Miramar Beach**  
BOB CUSHING, 6 PM

**LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin**  
BOUKOU GROOVE, 1 PM  
LEE YANKIE, 6 PM

**THE OTHER END, Destin**  
ROB ROMANS, 5 PM

**POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach**  
BOBBYD, 2-5 PM



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DREAD CLAMPITT, 11 AM-3 PM and 7-10 PM

**STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach**  
THE STEENOS with FRANKO "WASHBOARD" JACKSON, 11 AM

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

**WATERSOUND ORIGINS – VILLAGE COMMONS, Watersound**  
BEN FRIEDMAN, 4-6 PM

### MONDAY, JULY 23

**AJ'S, Destin**  
MAT HALL, 4-8 PM

**AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach**  
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

**THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin**  
ROSHAMBO, 9 PM-1 AM

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
Blues Jam, 7-10 PM

**GROWLER GARAGE 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, GrowlerGarage30A.com**  
BRUCE SALMON, 5-8 PM

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin**  
ROB ROMANS, 6 PM

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
DREAD CLAMPITT, 7-10 PM

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

### TUESDAY, JULY 24

**AJ'S, Destin**  
THE PURPLE MADNESS PRINCE TRIBUTE SHOW, 10 PM  
*Street Party Summer Concert Series*

**AL'S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island, AlsBeachClub.com**  
ROBERT WRIGHT, 5-9 PM

**BAYTOWNE LIVE, The Village of Baytowne Wharf, BaytowneWharf.com**  
STEVIE HALL, 7-10 PM

**BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton**  
Open Mic Night, 8 PM

**THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin**  
ROB ROMANS, 4 PM

**CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com**  
BLAKE GRIFFITHS, 3-5 PM

**EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach**  
JIM COUCH, 5:30-9:30 PM

**FISH OUT OF WATER, Santa Rosa Beach**  
CASEY KEARNEY, 6 PM

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
SCHATZI + THE STRING BOFFIN, 7 PM

**GROWLER GARAGE 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, GrowlerGarage30A.com**  
BOB CUSHING, 5-8 PM

**LA PAZ, Destin, LaPazDestin.com**  
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM  
*Taco Tuesday*

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin**  
PHIL & FOSTER, 6 PM

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

**REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com**  
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 PM

**THE REP THEATRE, Seaside, LoveTheREP.com**  
THE BRYAN KENNEDY SHOW with KEVIN BOYLE and Special Guest MITCH ROSSELL  
*Tickets are \$35 (\$28 for REP members).*

**RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin**  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 PM

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

**30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
Open Mic Live, 7-10 PM

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

**AL'S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island, AlsBeachClub.com**  
MYKE VAN NESS, 5-9 PM  
*Fireworks at 9!*

**THE BEACH HOUSE BAR AND GRILLE, Navarre Beach**  
BOB CUSHING, 4 PM

**BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton**  
Open Mic Night, 8 PM

**CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com**  
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 PM

**FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666**  
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 PM

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
I'MAGENE, 7 PM

**GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach**  
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**GROWLER GARAGE 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, GrowlerGarage30A.com**  
"SHANK" & SCOTT ROCKWOOD, 5-8 PM

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin**  
DREW TILLMAN, 6 PM

**McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin**  
ROB ROMANS, 8 PM

**OCEAN CLUB, Miramar Beach**  
EMERALD GOLD, 7 PM

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

**REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com**  
Open Mic Night, 7-10 PM

**RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin**  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 PM  
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)

**SANDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach**  
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
JOHN HOORMANN, 8 PM-Midnight

**30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
TED ROCKET Radio Program, 7-8 PM

**THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com**  
GEOFF McBRIDE, 7-9 PM  
*FREE Wednesday Night Concert Series*



# PET OF THE ISSUE

## Cheech

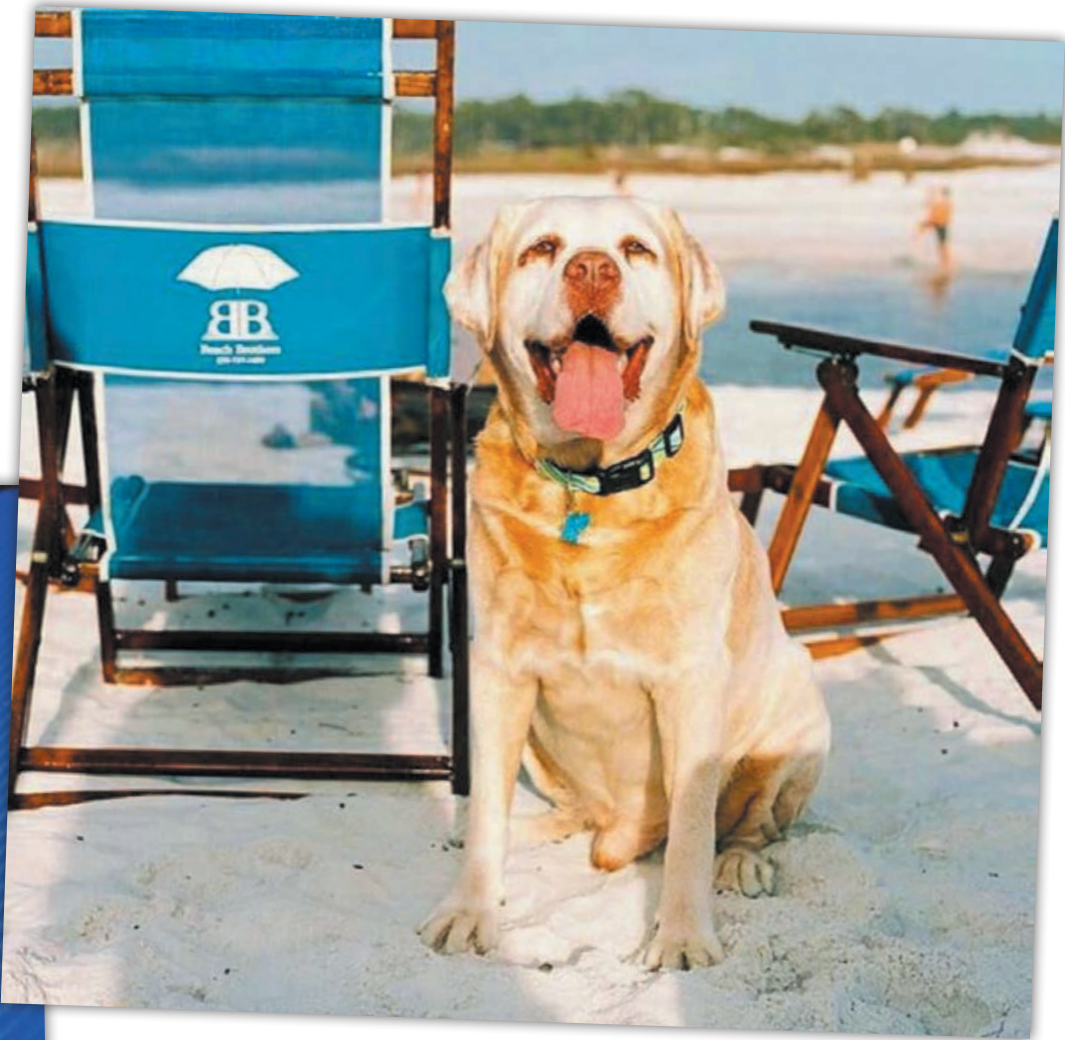
*Submitted by Rachel Anderson*

*Everyone here at Beachcomber is heartbroken over the recent passing of Cheech, a/k/a Cheech at the Beach. He appeared in our Instagram section often, graced our cover in June 2015, and was a special guest presenter at the 2016 Beachcomber Music Awards.*

*He'll be missed by those who knew and loved him, which includes pretty much all of the 30A community.*

*Please keep Rachel and her family in your thoughts.*

- Chris



ABOVE: Cheech on the beautiful beaches of South Walton.

LEFT: 30A's favorite dog made the trip to Destin for the 2016 Beachcomber Music Awards and got to see his name in lights.



ABOVE: Cheech reading his favorite local magazine.

LEFT: RIP sweet boy.

*Submit your best friend for a future Pet of the Issue feature! Email [chris@beachcomberdestin.com](mailto:chris@beachcomberdestin.com).*



# Fore Her's Biggest Golf Fundraiser Ever Set for September

**Fore Her**, a nonprofit organization in Santa Rosa Beach, is teed up and ready to host the sixth annual **Fore Her Golf Outing** on **Sept. 28** at the Santa Rosa Golf and Beach Club to raise money for local breast cancer patients.

"Each year this event grows and improves," says founder **Amy Walsh**. "Based on what we're working on for this year, it's an experience that's going to top every year before it."

Featuring Sandestin Real Estate (SRE) as the presenting sponsor, the \$110 fee per golfer includes breakfast, lunch, green fee and a cart. But attendees can expect even more, including a silent auction, food donated by Centennial Bank, beer samples from Grayton Beer Company, a chance to win a golf cart from Dixielectricar and an opportunity to compete for \$1,000 in the third annual Helicopter Golf Ball Drop by Panhandle Helicopter.

"The cause supported by the Fore Her golf tournament is near and dear to our hearts here at SRE," says **Wendy Morton**, director of marketing for Sandestin Real Estate. "We are proud to be a sponsor and support this amazing organization that is such a valuable resource for those in need in our local community."

The money raised from this event will go directly to local individuals battling breast cancer, who are able to use the money to pay for their mortgage, car,

utilities, medical expenses, a well-deserved vacation after recovering from treatments, or a last vacation with their families.

"Breast cancer impacts people and their families in so many different way," says Ms. Walsh. "We want finances to be one less thing on their plate while going through such a tough time."

The annual golf outing began as a gathering of Walsh's family to celebrate the memory of her mother and her aunt, who both lost their battles with breast cancer. But, remembering how financially taxing breast cancer was on their family, they transformed the event into a fundraiser, creating the Jeanette Hansen/Barb Schultz Golf Outing in Saginaw, Michigan.

"When I moved to the Emerald Coast, I wanted to continue this tradition but in a slightly different way," says Ms. Walsh.

Her family's Michigan golf outing evolved into an incredible nonprofit and used the golf outing as the main source of funds each year, growing the organization and event into what it is today.

Sponsorships for this event are still available. To learn more about this event, sponsorships or how to register, visit **ForeHer.org** or email **info@thehivecreativeconsulting.com**.

- Carly Harmer

6th Annual  
**GOLF OUTING**  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28  
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one golf game at a time  
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Events

All information is subject to change. Please refer to the contact numbers and/or emails/websites for up-to-the-minute details. Send us your July 26-Aug. 8 events by 5 PM Thursday, July 19, or they will not be in our next issue. Please submit events in the format used here. Photos welcome. Email [chris@beachcomberdestin.com](mailto:chris@beachcomberdestin.com).

THURSDAY, JULY 12

BEACH LUAU PARTY

Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar, Okaloosa Island, 5-9 PM

AlsBeachClub.com

Family-friendly event featuring island dance and fire performances, and other thrilling acrobatics by **Aerial Events** beginning at 8 PM. Prizes for tropical beach games for kids and adults (hula hoop, limbo, etc.), plus live music from **Blake Brock**, Polynesian pig roast, tropical cocktails, and a fantastic view of the Gulf of Mexico.

LET FREEDOM RING | ALL-AMERICAN TRIBUTE

HarborWalk Village, Destin, 6:30 PM

EmeraldGrande.com

One-of-a-kind vintage WWII air show, live entertainment, fireworks and more.

MAGICAL THURSDAY

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 7 and 8 PM

BaytowneWharf.com

**Captain Davy** takes you on an adventure with two fantastic magic shows.

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES FORUM

Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, 34 Miracle Strip Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, 8 AM

850-244-8191

Meet the folks running on the August 28 election ballot. FREE and open to the public, no RSVP required.

FRIDAY, JULY 13

FITNESS ON THE LAWN

The Market Shops, Sandestin, 9 AM

TheMarketShops.com

FREE Bootcamp with **Cayce Collins** of Encore Fitness. Bring your own mat.

FLORIDA POLITICS OF THE 1970S AND '80S

Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso, Noon

Heritage-Museum.org

Author and historian **Robert Buccellato** talks about Florida governors and their lasting legacies. Bring a sandwich and enjoy this FREE lunchtime educational program. Limited space, so call 850-678-2615 to reserve a spot.

FRIDAY, JULY 13- SATURDAY, JULY 14

LAUREN K TRUNK SHOW

McCaskill & Company, Destin, 10 AM-5:30 PM

Lauren K's "bohemian chic" designs feature an abundance of color, rich in character, including tourmalines, labradorites, opals, emeralds and opaque diamonds. "Feminine with an edge, innovative yet on trend!"

SATURDAY, JULY 14

GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS MARKET

Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 9 AM-1 PM

GrandBoulevard.com

MAD HATTER TEA PARTY

Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso, 10:30 AM-Noon

Heritage-Museum.org

A fun and educational program for kids ages 5-12. Learn muchness and become muchier with fun facts, stories, games and prices, along with a tea party. Cost is \$10 per child (\$8 for museum members). Call 850-678-2615 to reserve a spot.

SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET

Seaside, 8 AM

SeasideFL.com

WINE CLASS

Twisted Grape Caf  & Wine Bar, Shalimar, 3-5 PM

TwistedGrapeWineBar.com

Good information from the people you can trust.

SUNDAY, JULY 15

OKALOOSA ARTS ALLIANCE SECOND ANNUAL POETRY, MUSIC & WINE

Twisted Grape Caf  & Wine Bar, Shalimar, 2-4 PM

OkaloosaArts.org

Join friends and fellow arts supporters for great food and wine, plus an open mic for poets and musicians. Tickets are \$25 each or two for \$45. Purchase online, email [AMybaty1@gmail.com](mailto:AMybaty1@gmail.com) or call 850-499-8335.

SUNDAY MARKET

Gulf Place on 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 4-8 PM

GulfPlaceFL.com

Artwork, candles, food and more from Emerald Coast artisans.

30A FARMERS MARKET

Rosemary Beach, 9 AM-1 PM

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Beachside Worship Services

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CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass schedule (through Sept. 30)—Sunday, 8 AM and 10:30 AM; Saturday, confessions from 4 to 4:30 PM, mass at 5 PM; daily mass Monday through Friday, 8 AM; First Friday Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM; First Saturday Mass, 8 AM Holy Days of Obligation, 8 AM and 6:30 PM 307 Beach Drive, Destin.

DESTIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday services—7:30 AM beach services at Henderson Beach State Park, Destin Crab Trap, and the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk; 9:30 AM Xalt service (contemporary) at Destin Life Center; 9:30 AM harbor worship service at Brotula's in Destin; 11 AM traditional service at the Sanctuary; 5:30 PM sunset beach service at Henderson Beach State Park. Call 850-837-2021 or visit [DestinUMC.org](http://DestinUMC.org).

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday worship services: 8:45 and 11 AM Nursery and children's church is available. Wednesday bible study at 7 PM Located at 306 S. Geronimo St. in Miramar Beach, three blocks west of Silver Sands Outlet Mall. 850-837-7561.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DESTIN

Sunday bible study at 9:15 AM, worship service at 10:30 AM, prayer group at 5 PM Wednesday supper at 6 PM, followed by youth-kids programs and bible study at 6:30. 201 Beach Drive, 850-837-6515.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SEAGROVE

Sunday services at 10 AM and Wednesdays at 6 PM 4915 E Hwy. 30A, Seagrove, 850-231-2884.

GOOD NEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday services 8:50 AM, traditional worship 9:45 AM Sunday school, 11 AM, contemporary worship, 4747 Hwy 98W, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-9191.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday worship service, 9:30 AM Sunday school for kids, confirmation class for youth, and adult bible study, 10:45 AM 4325 Commons Drive, Destin, 850-654-1679.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Beach worship at 8 AM at Ed Walline Park, intersection of Scenic Highway 30A and CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach. Vintage service at 10:15 AM at 3834 U.S. 98 West. For more info, call Pastor Jason Scheler at 850-267-0322 or email [pastorj@hopeonthebeach.org](mailto:pastorj@hopeonthebeach.org).

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday vigil mass, 5 PM; Sunday masses, 8 and 10:30 AM; Daily liturgies, Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM; Holy Days of Obligation, 8:30 AM and 6 PM; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays, 9-10 AM; Confessions, Saturdays, 4-4:45 PM or by appointment. 259 Miramar Beach Dr., Destin, 850-837-0358.

SAFE HARBOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 9:30 AM, worship service at 10:30. 801 Airport Road, Destin, 850-837-2133.

SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday Vigil mass at 5:30 PM year round. Sunday services at 8 AM, 10 AM and 5 PM Holy Day services, call the office please. 137 Moll Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, just off U.S. 98. 850-267-2558. [www.saintritaparish.org](http://www.saintritaparish.org).

SANTA ROSA COMMUNITY CHURCH

Interdenominational service 10 AM Sundays. 3524 Hwy. 98W, 850-267-7599.

SHORELINE CHURCH

Non-denominational Sunday services at 8:30, 10 and 11:30 AM Check out our new location at 140 Palmetto Street in Destin, in the old Nighttown building. [www.shorelinechurch.net](http://www.shorelinechurch.net).

ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Service at 10 AM Sundays. 307 Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-650-2737

ST. MARKELLA & DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday service at 10 AM 400 Hwy. 98E, Mary Esther, 850-244-0822.

ST. SIMON'S ON THE SOUND EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 AM and 5 PM 28 Hwy. 98W, FWB, 850-244-8621.

VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday services at 9 and 10:30 AM 101 Matthew one block south of Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-837-8107.



Alan Wood, Chairman of the Board of United Way of Okaloosa and Walton Counties, presents \$50,000 to Children in Crisis development director Allie Noah and CIC president and CEO Ken Hair during the annual Community Impact Check Presentation event. Learn more at [childrenincrisisfl.org](http://childrenincrisisfl.org).



Events

MONDAY, JULY 16

**FITNESS ON THE LAWN**  
*The Market Shops, Sandestin, 9 AM*  
**TheMarketShops.com**  
FREE Slow Flow Yoga with **Dannica Marie**. Bring your own mat.

**HYDROFLIGHT MONDAY**  
*The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 6:30 and 8:30 PM*  
**BaytowneWharf.com**  
Fly-board guru **Ben Merrell** soars over the Baytowne lagoon and makes waves.

TUESDAY, JULY 17

**BOOMIN' TUESDAY**  
*The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 7-9:15 PM*  
**BaytowneWharf.com**  
Lawn games and inflatables in the Events Plaza, followed by a breathtaking fireworks show at 9:15.

**FAT TUESDAY PARADE**  
*HarborWalk Village, Destin, 7 PM*  
**EmeraldGrande.com**  
Dazzling floats, colorful costumes, street performers, and live music on the main stage. Plus beads! Parade starts at 8:30.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

**FIREWORKS**  
*The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, 9 PM*  
**TheBoardwalkOI.com/fireworks**  
Boom boom, baby!

**FITNESS ON THE LAWN**  
*The Market Shops, Sandestin, 9 AM*  
**TheMarketShops.com**  
FREE Buti Yoga with **Katie Truax**. Bring your own mat.

THURSDAY, JULY 19

**BEACH LUAU PARTY**  
*Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar, Okaloosa Island, 5-9 PM*  
**AlsBeachClub.com**  
Family-friendly event featuring island dance and fire performances, and other thrilling acrobatics by **Aerial Events** beginning at 8 PM. Prizes for tropical beach games for kids and adults (hula hoop, limbo, etc.), plus live music from **Brandon Maddox**, Polynesian pig roast, tropical cocktails, and a fantastic view of the Gulf of Mexico.

**LET FREEDOM RING | ALL-AMERICAN TRIBUTE**  
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One-of-a-kind vintage WWII air show, live entertainment, fireworks and more.

**MAGICAL THURSDAY**  
*The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 7 and 8 PM*  
**BaytowneWharf.com**  
**Captain Davy** takes you on an adventure with two fantastic magic shows.

FRIDAY, JULY 20

**FITNESS ON THE LAWN**  
*The Market Shops, Sandestin, 9 AM*

**TheMarketShops.com**  
FREE Bootcamp with **Cayce Collins** of Encore Fitness. Bring your own mat.

FRIDAY, JULY 20- SATURDAY, JULY 21

**TODAY'S BOUTIQUE 37TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**  
*Today's Boutique, Destin, 11 AM-6 PM*  
**TodaysDestin.com**  
Complimentary goodie bags with purchase, plus champagne, cake and other light snacks. Also—games, prizes, 37 percent off on select items.

SATURDAY, JULY 21

**GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS MARKET**  
*Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 9 AM-1 PM*  
**GrandBoulevard.com**

**SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET**  
*Seaside, 8 AM*  
**SeasideFL.com**

SUNDAY, JULY 22

**SUNDAY MARKET**  
*Gulf Place on 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 4-8 PM*  
**GulfPlaceFL.com**  
Artwork, candles, food and more from Emerald Coast artisans.

**30A FARMERS MARKET**  
*Rosemary Beach, 9 AM-1 PM*  
Satisfying salts, teas, spices, blends and more.

MONDAY, JULY 23

**FITNESS ON THE LAWN**  
*The Market Shops, Sandestin, 9 AM*  
**TheMarketShops.com**  
FREE Slow Flow Yoga with **Dannica Marie**. Bring your own mat.

**HYDROFLIGHT MONDAY**  
*The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 6:30 and 8:30 PM*  
**BaytowneWharf.com**  
Fly-board guru **Ben Merrell** soars over the Baytowne lagoon and makes waves.

TUESDAY, JULY 24

**BOOMIN' TUESDAY**  
*The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 7-9:15 PM*  
**BaytowneWharf.com**  
Lawn games and inflatables in the Events Plaza, followed by a breathtaking fireworks show at 9:15.

**FAT TUESDAY PARADE**  
*HarborWalk Village, Destin, 7 PM*  
**EmeraldGrande.com**  
Dazzling floats, colorful costumes, street performers, and live music on the main stage. Plus beads! Parade starts at 8:30.

**PAINTING & WINE**  
*Twisted Grape Café & Wine Bar, Shalimar, 6:30-8:30 PM*  
**TwistedGrapeWineBar.com**  
Two of *Beachcomber's* favorite things.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

**FIREWORKS**  
*The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, 9 PM*  
**TheBoardwalkOI.com/fireworks**  
Boom boom, baby!

**FITNESS ON THE LAWN**  
*The Market Shops, Sandestin, 9 AM*  
**TheMarketShops.com**  
FREE Buti Yoga with **Katie Truax**. Bring your own mat.

SATURDAY, AUG. 18

**SEVENTH ANNUAL PADDLE AT THE PORCH**  
*The Back Porch Restaurant, Destin, 9 AM*  
**PaddleAtThePorch.com**  
Sponsored by Destin ER, the event offers races for all ages and skill levels, with a kids' fun paddle, one-mile beginner ride, three-mile recreational race, and six-mile elite race. Register now at **paddleguru.com**.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8

**TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL EMERALD COAST CAR, TRUCK AND MOTORCYCLE SHOW**  
*Mullet Festival Fairgrounds, Niceville*  
850-499-9214  
Hosted by **Northwest Model A & T Club, Playground Corvette Club** and **Playground Antique and Classic Car Club**. FREE parking and admission for spectators. Register by mail by **Aug. 31** for \$25—after that, it's \$30. Vehicle registration takes place from 8 AM to noon, favorite car voting from 10 AM to 2 PM, awards at 3. Food and drinks available, plus door prizes and more. Rain or shine event—no refunds.

Download registration form at **nwfmodelaandtclub.com** or **playgroundcorvetteclub.com**. For vendor info, call 850-860-2764 or email **sapper317th@aol.com**.



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# Fort Walton Beach: What Gareth Stearns Did

By Samantha Lambert

*It's my hometown, but it's also a great town. There's a lot of stories when you peel back the layers.*

- Joel Vetsch

**Gareth Stearns** is the creator and administrator of **Fort Walton Beach: What We Did**, and he calls it “the most nostalgically addictive Facebook group this side of the Florida Panhandle.” What started out in 2009 as a simple way to share memories of growing up in his hometown has now grown to 19,534 members with the 10-year anniversary just around the corner.

Stearns came to Fort Walton Beach with his parents when he was just three months old. He grew up on Middle Drive in the Garniers Beach area. He visited his childhood home on the day of this interview and relished in the nostalgia the house brought back. His house was directly behind the Goofy Golf.

“Goofy Golf is so special to me,” he says. “I used to go there a lot as a kid. Plus, golf balls always came over the fence into our backyard and I would hit them back over.”

Stearns attended Ocean City Elementary, then Meigs Junior High, and graduated from Choctawhatchee High School in 1996. He went to Florida State University where he graduated in 2001 with a major in English and Creative Writing. FSU is where he met his wife Erin, who was from South Florida.

“My wife and I decided that whoever got the first grownup job, that would be where we moved to,” says Stearns. She got a job in Greensboro, North Carolina in sales. He also got a job in sales, working in the field for about eight years. He then decided to go back to school to get his teaching degree in social studies, largely because of his expanded appreciation for local history acquired after the group began taking on a life of its own.

Stearns started the Facebook group, “Fort Walton Beach: What We Did” in February 2009. “It was difficult at first. I had my own stuff to put on there, like yearbooks that I acquired and scanned. My hope was that as the group became larger people would share their memorabilia on the site.” After two months, Fort Walton Beach: What We Did had 500 members. Stearns became a collector of FWB memorabilia and searched eBay for more.

“I like to think of the group as a metaphorical jigsaw puzzle that might never be



Gareth Stearns, creator of Fort Walton Beach: What We Did.



completed, but it sure is exciting when a new ‘piece’ is discovered,” he says. Members of the group mail items to him and he scans them onto the site. “I am amazed that complete strangers mail things to me that they have held onto for years simply because they feel that is where it belongs.”

On the Facebook group page, Stearns states: “Think of this group as a never-ending digital scrapbook. With more than 19,000 members, and with a searchable library of more than 20,000 vintage images of the area, FWB: WWD has become the definitive source on the entire Internet for all things related to the history of Fort Walton Beach, Florida, and its surrounding communities.”

Threads on the page include where you lived growing up in FWB, where your first job was, businesses that are no longer around, and amusement parks on Okaloosa Island. There are pictures of now-defunct restaurants like The Sand Flea, June’s Dunes, and The Green Knight. Search and you will find pictures of a waterskiing team at the Cinco Bayou Bridge and photos of the Museum of the Sea and Indian.

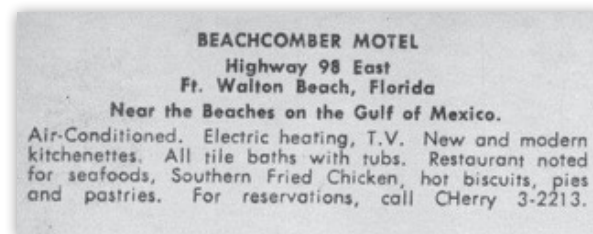
There’s also an FWB: WWD Nostalgic Videos page at [Facebook.com/fwbwwd](https://www.facebook.com/fwbwwd).

**Rick Stevens**, a Fort Walton Beach resident and FWB: WWD member, says Stearns is “a digital dynamo. FWB: WWD is a closed group where no advertising is allowed, civility is maintained amongst the participants, and everyone just has a wonderful time looking at the old photos, videos, ideas and memories everyone is sharing here.”

Tower Beach, circa 1950s.

Stearns just finished his third year of teaching high school social studies outside of the state of Florida. He and his wife Erin have three children, and Stearns tries to get back to Fort Walton Beach often. His parents still reside here.

“The timing of social media becoming popular really helped the growth of FWB: WWD,” he says. “Someday I hope to self-publish a book about the history of FWB and the surrounding areas through artifacts and stories.” He also hopes to hit 20,000 members by next February’s 10-year anniversary.







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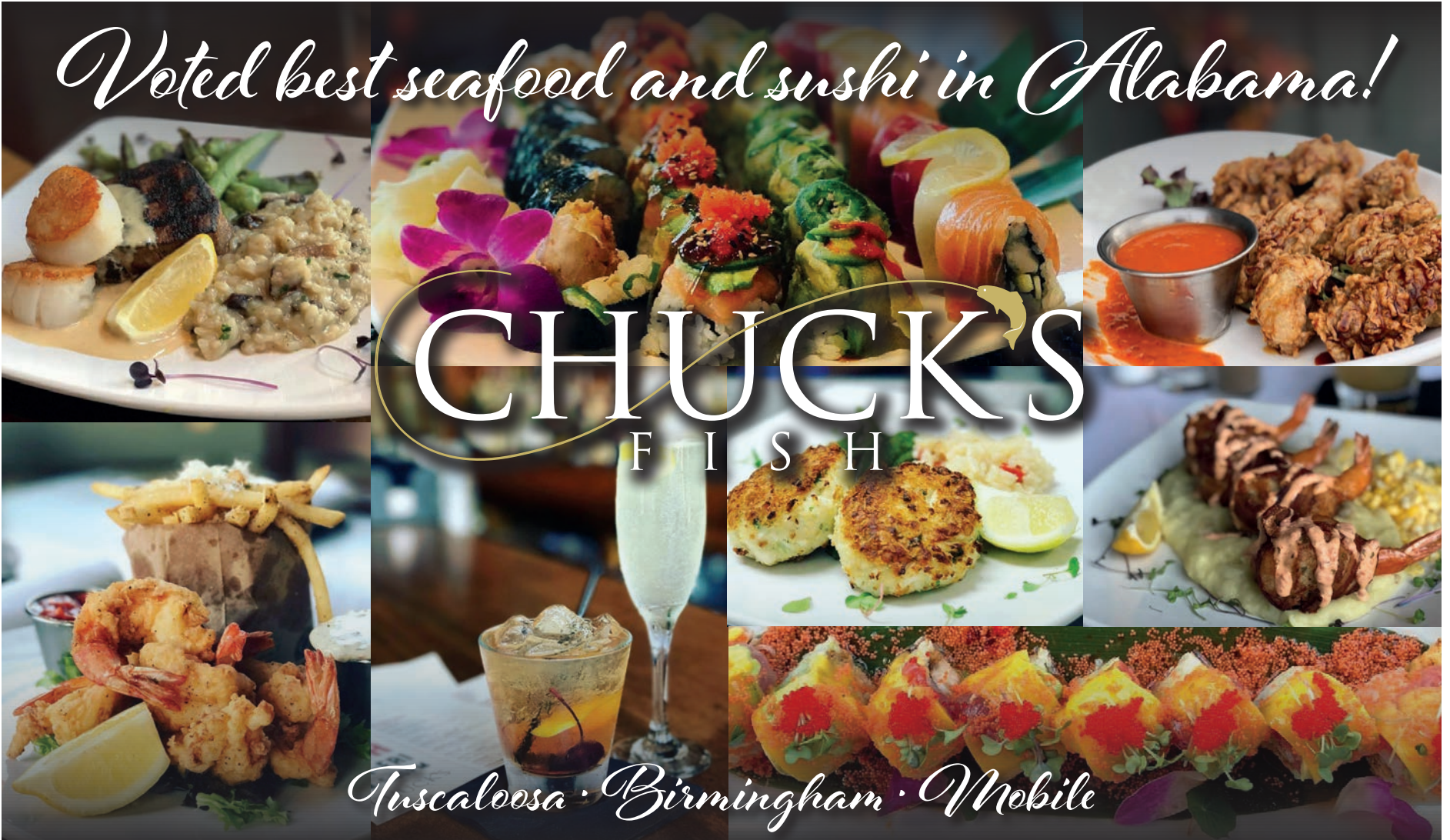

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## EDUCATIONAL

**EMERALD COAST SCIENCE CENTER** A unique museum allowing visitors to touch and use the exhibits, including optical illusions, a nature room and a wind tunnel. 31 SW Memorial Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, 850-664-1261. [www.ecscience.org](http://www.ecscience.org).

## FARMERS MARKETS

**30A FARMERS MARKETS** Two convenient locations. Contact Diane at 850-499-4697 for more info.

- **GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS' MARKET AT SANDESTIN** 600 Grand Boulevard, Miramar Beach. Saturdays year-round, 9 AM-1 PM
- **30A FARMERS' MARKET IN ROSEMARY BEACH COMMUNITY** Sundays year-round, 9 AM-1 PM Thursdays (Memorial Day through Labor Day), 9 AM-1 PM

## GOLF

**REGATTA BAY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB** This award-winning 18-hole course offers an extraordinary golfing experience for players of all skill levels and was named one of *Golf Digest's* Top Places to Play. Equipment rental available. 465 Regatta Bay Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8080. [www.regattabay.com](http://www.regattabay.com).

**SANTA ROSA GOLF & BEACH CLUB** Referred to as the "Purest golf in the Florida Panhandle" by *Golf Magazine*, this 18-hole, par 72 course offers five sets of tees and a challenge for every skill level of handicap. Situated on 80 pristine acres in the heart of Santa Rosa Beach, this course has a unique character only found around the Highway 30A corridor. Holes three through five wind around a complex of dunes, all within a few hundred yards of the Gulf of Mexico. Dining, driving range, putting green and club rentals available. 334 Golf Club Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-2229. [www.santarosacub.com](http://www.santarosacub.com).

## MARINE PARKS/ AQUARIUMS

**GULFARIUM MARINE ADVENTURE PARK** Delight in watching dolphins leap and sea lions play during spectacular shows! Or participate and interact directly with these and other remarkable marine animals including stingrays, seals and penguins during interactive programming (advance reservations required). Enjoy educational exhibits and beautiful Gulf views. Open daily at 9 AM 1010 Miracle Strip Parkway SE, Fort Walton Beach, 850-243-9046. [www.gulfarium.com](http://www.gulfarium.com).

## MUSEUMS

**DESTIN HISTORY & FISHING MUSEUM** Open year round, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 AM to 4 PM Call for holiday hours of operation. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and military and \$3 for children. 108 Stahlman Avenue, Destin, 850-837-6611.

**INDIAN TEMPLE MOUND MUSEUM** Artifacts and displays showing the rich Indian history of this area. 139 Hwy. 98SE, FWB, 850-833-9595.

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**CESSNA BAY** Picnic tables, parking, rest rooms and boat access. 1476 N. CR-393.

**CLEMENT E. TAYLOR CITY PARK** This park is named after one of Destin's early settlers and is on Choctawhatchee Bay. Chock full of shade trees, there are picnic areas and restrooms, but no camping. Destin, off Calhoun Avenue.

**DUNE ALLEN** In Dune Allen beach this access has parking, but no bathrooms, showers or picnic area. 5753 Hwy 30-A W., Santa Rosa Beach.

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**GRAYTON DUNES** Handicapped and public parking plus beach access. Behind the Red Bar in Grayton Beach.

**GULF SHORE MANOR** Public restrooms, handicapped and public parking. 3468 E. Hwy 30-A, Seagrove Beach.

**GULFVIEW HEIGHTS** Located at the end of Gulfview Heights St, behind Goatfeather's restaurant, this access offers parking, picnic areas and restrooms.

**HENDERSON BEACH STATE PARK** This park has it all: camping, swimming area sheltered picnic areas, grills, and restrooms. But there is no boat ramp and jet skis and other personal watercraft are prohibited. 17000 Hwy. 98W, Destin, 850-837-7550.

**INLET BEACH** This area offers handicapped and public parking, restrooms and dune walkovers to the beach. 438 S. Orange St. in Inlet Beach.

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**MIRAMAR BEACH ACCESS** Parking with public beach access. Scenic Hwy 98 and Driftwood Road, adjacent to Pompano Joe's.

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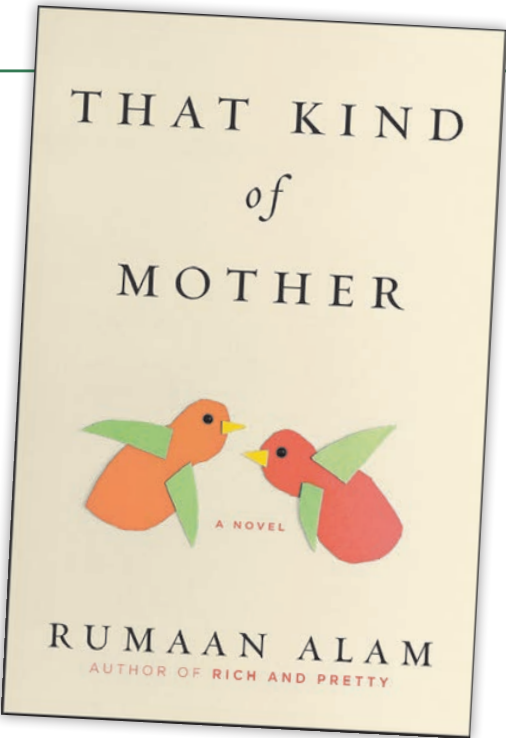
Recommended Reading

Rumaan Alam

That Kind of Mother  
Ecco

Poet Rebecca Stone finds herself overwhelmed by the demands of her newborn son and the tedium of newborn motherhood. During her visits with the hospital's lactation consultant Priscilla Johnson, she experiences a sense of peace, causing Rebecca to hire Priscilla on as her family nanny. Priscilla brings that same sense of peace and calm to the household and becomes a cherished member of the family. When Priscilla becomes pregnant by an unknown man and unexpectedly dies during childbirth, the Stone family dynamic is turned upside down. Rebecca feels compelled to adopt Priscilla's black child as her own son and experience newborn motherhood in a whole new way. This book explores themes of race, privilege, motherhood, and what it means to be a family. Fans of *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng will enjoy this one.

After reading the first few chapters of *That Kind of Mother*, I flipped to the author's bio to learn more about the woman who perfectly describes the simultaneous excitement, absorption, and monotony of newborn motherhood. I was shocked to learn that the source of such profound descriptions was not a mother, not even a woman, but a man! Bravo to Rumaan Alam for capturing that experience.  
- Marilu Morgan



Elan Mastai

All Our Wrong Todays

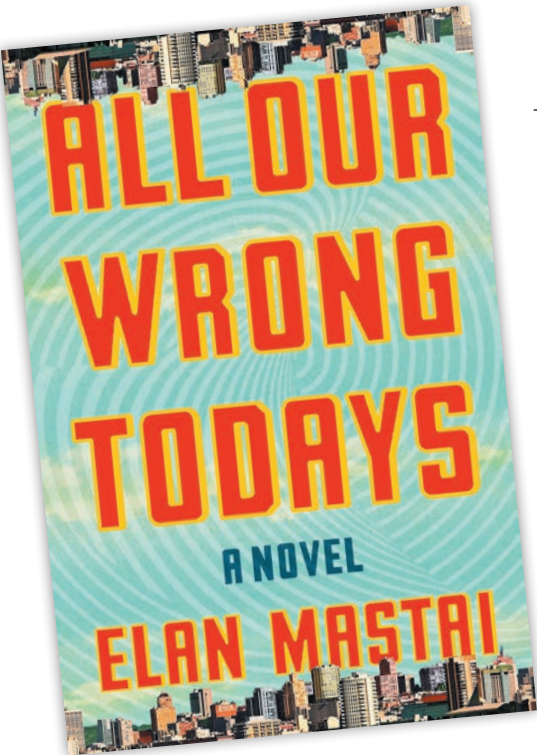
Dutton / Penguin Random House

There is a theme running through time-travel fiction about the paradoxical dangers inherent in messing with the past, i.e. "By going back before one's father's birth and dropping an elephant on one's grandfather, would one cease to exist?" Protagonist-narrator Tom Barren brings new concerns for Chrononaut wannabes—that peculiarity of space and time which dictates that sending someone back an hour would materialize the traveler thousands of miles away where the Earth was an hour before.

If one prefers tales of star-crossed lovers, *Wrong Todays* revolves around Tom's pursuit of Penelope/Penny, his cross-dimensional love, and how Tom's time-line altering mistake scrambles his affinity with her.

Mastai's plot is a labyrinth, a hall of mirrors. His penultimate comment on the paralyzing possibilities of existence is "There's no such thing as the life you're supposed to have." Readers need to bring their "A" game to this Toronto screenwriter's story. It's intriguing, and there are no disposable details in it.

- Wynn Parks

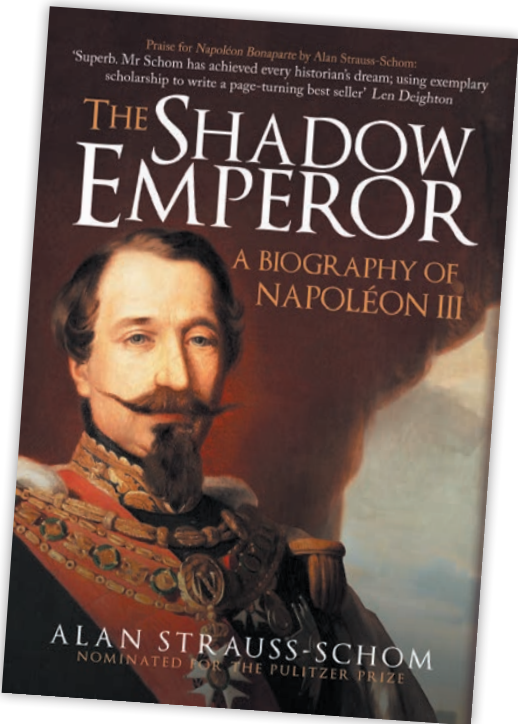


Alan Strauss-Schom

The Shadow Emperor  
St. Martin's Press

Historian Strauss-Schom started a big controversy years ago with his negative biography of Napoleon Bonaparte, making the case that the much-admired French emperor was probably a sociopath. He's nicer to Napoleon's nephew, Louis Napoleon (Emperor Napoleon III). Louis has long had the reputation of having been both tyrannical and inept. Strauss-Schom makes a good argument that much of what we love and admire about modern France—including the architectural splendors of Paris—was Napoleon III's doing. Though he gets carried away with his logic at times, Strauss-Schom's revisionist look at the late 19th century is worthwhile reading.

- Bruce Collier



Local Film Screenings

THURSDAY, JULY 19

ARTS & DESIGN SOCIETY BOOK STUDY/DISCUSSION GROUP

Art Center Gallery, Fort Walton Beach, 5-6 PM

ArtsDesignSociety.org

The current discussion is on Roger von Oech's *A Whack on the Side of the Head: How You Can Be More Creative*.



Upcoming Books

JULY 17

Kevin Allison, *RISK!: True Stories People Never Thought They'd Dare to Share*

Steve Berry and M.J. Rose, *The Museum of Mysteries: A Cassiopeia Vitt Adventure*

Tiffany Brownlee, *Wrong in All the Right Ways*

Cristina Curp, *Made Whole: More Than 145 Anti-Inflammatory Keto-Paleo Recipes to Nourish You from the Inside Out*. Paperback.

Elad Gil, *High Growth Handbook*

Clint McElroy, *The Adventure Zone: Here There Be Gerblins*. Paperback.

Ramy Romany with Emily Hache, *Conspired: The Evil One Shall Not Live Again*. Paperback.

JULY 19

David Pogue, *Windows 10: The Missing Manual – The Book That Should Have Been in the Box*. Paperback.

JULY 24

Erin Bowman, *Contagion*

Becky Chambers, *Record of a Spaceborn Few*

Raphaella Giordano, *Your Second Life Begins When You Realize You Only Have One*. Paperback.

Alex Hirsch, *Gravity Falls: Lost Legends*

Sherrilyn Kenyon, *Born of Blood (The League: Nemesis Rising)*

Tony Tremblay, *The Moore House*

Sources: Amazon.com, Netgalley.com



Movies + TV

OPENING SOON IN THEATERS

JULY 13

**Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation.** Drac and the family set sail on a luxury Monster Cruise. Animated.  
**Skyscraper.** Dwayne Johnson gets his Die Hard on.

JULY 20

**The Equalizer 2.** Denzel Washington returns with his own special brand of justice.  
**Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again.** Meryl Streep and the gang are back, this time joined by a “real” singer named Cher.

Source: Metacritic.com

UPCOMING DVD/BLU-RAY/VOD RELEASES

JULY 17

**Blumhouse’s Truth or Dare.** A friendly game turns deadly!  
**I Feel Pretty.** Amy Schumer, Aidy Bryant, Lauren Hutton, Michelle Williams.  
**Isle of Dogs.** Wes Anderson’s second foray into animation (following the wonderful *Fantastic Mr. Fox*) earned high marks from the critics, in whose eyes Mr. Anderson can do no wrong.  
**Rampage.** Dwayne Johnson, George the Silverback Gorilla.  
**Super Troopers 2.** The idiots are back.  
**You Were Never Really Here.** Acclaimed crime thriller about a traumatized veteran who tracks down missing girls.

JULY 24

**Happy End.** Jean-Louis Trintignant, Toby Jones, Isabelle Huppert. Another fine (and bleak) drama from director Michael Haneke.  
**Love After Love.** Andie MacDowell, Chris O’Dowd.  
**Ready Player One.** Mark Rylance, Vin Diesel. Directed by Steven Spielberg.

Sources: Metacritic.com

LOCAL FILM SCREENINGS

SATURDAY, JULY 21

**“CARS 3”**  
Uptown Station, Fort Walton Beach, 7:30 PM or Dark (Whichever Comes First)  
**UptownStation.com**  
Bring blankets and chairs and re-live the old time drive-in movie experience. FREE.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

**“FERNGULLY...THE LAST RAINFOREST”**  
Camp Helen State Park, Panama City Beach, 5:30 PM  
850-233-5058  
Fifth annual Movies & More in the park’s Recreation Hall features a program led by a park ranger or other expert. The program is followed by an old-fashioned campfire cookout with hot dogs and s’mores provided by the Friends of Camp Helen. Admission is FREE, but donations will be accepted.



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# Offbeat Spirits Worth a Try

By Bruce Collier

**Pisco, Arak, Shochu,** Goldwasser and Zubrowka may sound like the name of an ethnically diverse law firm, but it's actually a list of off-the-beaten-path spirits. They come from South America, the Mideast, Europe and Japan. I bought all but one in Florida (Destin and Jacksonville), and had to order one from New York.

## **PISCO – La Caravedo** (Peru)

\$24.99 for 750 ml

80 proof (40% ABV)

Pisco is Peruvian or Chilean brandy distilled from fermented grape juice. It was reportedly developed after the Spanish conquest of Peru, when Spaniards were looking for a local alternative to imported brandies from Spain. It's distilled once, bottled at distilled proof (no dilution, as is done with whiskey), and must be aged in glass, stainless steel, or other material that doesn't alter its physical, chemical or organic properties—no wood, specifically.

La Caravedo (from Peru) is a *puro*, made from one single varietal grape (Quebranta). I chilled it and drank it neat. The nose is fresh, herbal, with oyster-brine on the finish. As it loses the chill, the grape juice moves forward, to a sweet, fresh grape smell, then prunes and slivovitz. Tasted straight, it's musty, sweet, with green grapes, melon, and canned lychee. I also tried it in a *Chilcano* (with ginger ale) and the grapiness and spice worked well together. If you like fruit, Pisco offers a virtual orchard.

## **ARAK – Razzouk** (Lebanon)

\$27.99 for 750 ml

100 proof (50% ABV)

This Lebanese spirit is distilled from grapes. I tasted it neat and also with water. Water makes it cloudy, like watery milk. The nose is predominantly sweet anise. Neat it's very hot, strong, dry, herbal, fiery. With water it's softened, milder, more grassy, with a slight bitter grapefruit peel and fresh fennel, much more refreshing and drinkable. Arak and water is traditionally drunk with food—"meze"—flavorful snacks like olives, cheese, pickles, hummus, Greek and Mediterranean-Middle Eastern fare. It sharpens the appetite, and is an ideal balance for oily fish, seafood, and grilled tidbits.

## **SHOCHU – Kaikouzu Imo** (Japan)

\$26.99 for 750 ml

48 proof (24% ABV)

By some accounts, the Japanese consume more shochu than either sake



or whiskey. This lower-proof spirit can be distilled from sweet potatoes, buckwheat, sesame, rice, et al.

Kaikouzu Imo is distilled from 84% sweet potato, 16% rice. I drank it straight, chilled from the refrigerator. The nose is similar to slivovitz or plum eau de vie. It's smooth, low burn, with a slightly creamy texture and mouth feel. There's a plummy (though dry) finish and lingering aftertaste. With more air, there's a roasted-root or baked potato peel aroma, and a hint of lavender. Both flavor and aroma become more pronounced as it warms to room temperature.

## **Danziger Goldwasser** (Germany)

\$7.29 for 50 ml

80 proof (40% ABV)

Since 1598, Danziger Goldwasser has been a luxury drink of kings, popes, and emperors, including that epic

carouser, Tsar Peter the Great. It was originally distilled in Danzig (now Gdańsk, Poland) but now is distilled in Norten- Hardenberg, Germany.

I have not been able to find out what makes up the spirit base, probably some grain. It's colorless, with tiny flakes of 22-carat gold floating in it—hence its name and status. Gold was long believed to be good for health; modern science simply says that consuming small amounts won't hurt. I tried this neat at room temperature.

There was no scent at first, then cinnamon, but mild. It has a syrupy body, with cinnamon and anise flavor, sweet but not overly sweet. Cinnamon remains on the aftertaste, like pastry flavoring. The gold has no taste, though I made sure to consume all of it. Tsar Peter would want that.

## **Zubrowka** (Poland)

\$22.99 for 750 ml

80 proof (40% ABV)

This brand, called Zu, is rye vodka, infused with buffalo grass. I tasted it chilled from the fridge. The color is barely greenish-yellow, like very weak green tea. On the nose there's cured, almost fermented fruit—apples, golden raisins, sweet spice, rye, vanilla—and raisin bread.

The taste is full and sweet at first, with a savory background. There's sage, and *herbes de Provence*. It's fruity, with a peppery hot bite that quickly subsides. The aftertaste is lingering, unsweetened green apple peel. The Poles like it mixed with apple juice.

While not always available in American liquor stores, the above spirits are very popular in their home countries, and well worth seeking out and trying.



# Fresh Local Beer with a Focus on Community

By Samantha Lambert

*Sometimes you want to go where  
everybody knows your name  
And you're always glad you came*

That lyric from the *Cheers* TV show theme song could double as the mantra of **3rd Planet Brewing** in Niceville. “It’s a community atmosphere here,” says co-owner **Tim McCool**. “No TVs, no Wi-Fi, kid-friendly, dog-friendly, and food-friendly. We want people to come inside and communicate with each other.”

McCool and co-owner Jason Doster are military veterans who met when they both worked in Washington, D.C. They discussed opening a brewery together and in July 2015 drove to Gainesville and bought a Sabco Brewer System. It was a 10-gallon pilot system that they used to try recipes on in their garage. The two spent nine months trying different recipes on family and friends and then expanded to tastings at festivals.

In April 2016, McCool and Doster opened the first 3rd Planet Brewing on Partin Drive in Niceville. They opened with eight beers of their own on tap and six “guest taps” of local beers.

**Brian Detweiler** has been the head brewer for two years. **Francis Camosse** has been with the brewery for two and a half years and is now the general manager of the 3rd Planet’s new location. **John Emsing** is the manager of the original location.

Another major component of this group is Sue McCool, who is “the heart and soul of this place” according to husband Tim.

3rd Planet’s second location in Niceville recently opened at 1400 E. John Sims Parkway in Niceville. The grand opening was held in June, and Camosse says it “felt like a big neighborhood get-together.”

The new spot is known as the Mothership. “It’s such a fun place to work. It’s really nice to bring the craft beer experience to Niceville,” says Emsing.

The original location, the Launchpad, is 800 square feet and had no room to expand. The Mothership, on the other hand, is about 2,000-3,000 square feet.



3rd Planet Brewing general manager Francis Camosse, co-owner Tim McCool, and head brewer Brian Detweiler.

“At the Launchpad, we had the capacity to brew 480 gallons of beer a month,” says Detweiler. “At the Mothership, we can brew 900 gallons of beer a week. We also plan to test batches and ‘launch’ new beers at the Launchpad before bringing them over to the Mothership.”

The most popular beer right now at 3rd Planet Brewing is the Dank Side of the Moon, a juicy, aromatic IPA featuring Citra, Mosaic and Amarillo hops. Another popular beer on tap is the Blue Water Hefeweizen, a wheat brewed in the German style with more restrained citrus and spices. The Boggy Bayou Stout, a chocolate milk stout brewed in the English style, is also popular. 3rd Planet also serves Beer on Nitrogen, which has a creamy top and less carbonation.

“Our distributor is Vintage out of Destin,” says Mr. McCool. “We also have kegs such as Dank Side of the Moon and Blue Water Hefeweizen available, and special beers for special events through our distributor.” They also hopes to start canning their beer this fall with help from Destin Brewery.

Patrons of both locations can have food delivered, pack a picnic, or purchase food from the food trucks parked at both locations. Trivia is held every Tuesday night and will switch back and forth between the two locations for the present time. In the future, there will be themed trivia nights several times a month, during which participants can win 3rd Planet gift cards.

There is live music at the Mothership and a running club that meets every Wednesday night. Private parties can also be held at the new location. Future plans include a 5K race, a cornhole tournament, and life-size foosball.

“Our employees are phenomenal. Our service is fantastic, and our beers are great!” says Mr. McCool. 3rd Planet Brewing started with a passion for beer. Everything on tap is either a signature 3rd Planet beer or a beer sourced from other local breweries. They were recently named the Finest Craft Brewery on the Emerald Coast in the *Northwest Florida Daily News* readers’ poll.

Discover more at **3rdPlanetBrewing.com**, or call 850-424-4257.



# Restaurant Guide

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**THE LOCAL MARKET** Open 7 AM-3 PM daily. Fresh pressed juices, coffee, breakfast, gourmet sandwiches, homemade ice cream and more. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-460-8979.

**THE PANCAKERY** Serving breakfast and lunch daily from 7 AM - 2 PM Featuring build your own pancakes and omelettes! Waffles, French Toast, crepes, benedicts, bananas foster and all traditional breakfast items. Also, lunch menu includes sandwiches, burgers, salads, wraps, and loaded potatoes. Now serving bloody marys, mimosas and cold beer. 960 Hwy 98 East, Suite 104, Destin. 850-269-0791.

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2 PM every day except Mondays. Located at 723 Eglin Parkway NE in FWB near the Shalimar Bridge. 850-862-0895. [www.tommymattonies.com](http://www.tommymattonies.com).

## BURGERS

**AL'S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR** Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-226-4100. [ALSBEACHCLUB.COM](http://ALSBEACHCLUB.COM)

**CHARLIE'S BURGER BAR** Burgers, bourbon and beer. Pick from 18 burgers or build your own. Over 50 beers and bourbons, funky French fries, milk shakes for all ages. Located at 2 Harbor Blvd. in HarborWalk Village's Crab Island Cantina Complex, Destin, 850-424-7695.

## CASUAL DINING

**GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK** Destin, 850-424-6650. [GraffitiFBS.com](http://GraffitiFBS.com)

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## CONTEMPORARY

**LOUIS LOUIS** Louis Louis is another dining hit. This "sister" restaurant to the famous Red Bar offers a short but all-star menu of fish, chicken, pork, crab cakes and pasta entrees, served in fat portions by a friendly staff. Do whatever you have to do, but don't skip dessert. Colorful décor, comfy tables, full bar, \$5-25. 35 Mussett Bayou Rd., Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-1500.

## DINNER & A SHOW

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**REDD'S FUELING STATION** a/k/a Redd's Pub N Song, specializes in great food and music. The menu is simple but delicious, including slow cooked beef brisket, sweet and spicy babybacks and fried green tomato BLTs. **Redd the Singing Bartender** sings as she bartends,

hosts and serves on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays—customers can participate by requesting songs for tips. Redd offers over 350 songs to choose from. Wednesday is Open Mic Night, the longest running open mic on 30A with musicians of all levels and ages welcome. We have the sound system, you bring your instrument and your talent. Friday nights are live music. Redd likes to promote local musicians and several popular local bands had their first gigs here, including the Luke Langford Band and Mose Wilson and the Delta Twang. Dinner reservations for four or more are highly recommended. Located at 2320 West County Highway 30A in Blue Mountain Beach. Call 850-325-0252 for information and reservations. Visit [www.reddsfuel.com](http://www.reddsfuel.com) and find **Redd's Pub N Song** on Facebook.

## ECLECTIC

**CAFÉ THIRTY-A** Cafe Thirty-A has been here a while. Finding out why can be a delicious experience. A nightly-changing menu offers steaks, chicken, pork, lamb, and local seafood elegantly prepared with imaginative sauces and sides, courteously served in a beautiful beach-house atmosphere. Lobster bisque, stone crab claws, seasonal fish and shellfish, and wood oven-baked pizzas. Full bar. \$8-36. 3899 E. Scenic Highway 30-A, Seagrove Beach, 850-231-2166.

**GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK** Destin, 850-424-6650. [GraffitiFBS.com](http://GraffitiFBS.com)

**THE RED BAR** The place to go—and say you went—in Grayton Beach. The Red Bar offers breakfast, lunch and dinner, with a short but expertly prepared menu of sandwiches, soup and salads for lunch, chicken, local fish, pasta and crab cakes for dinner. The apple dumpling will haunt you, in a good way. Live music, and more local color than you'll know what to do with. Full bar, \$4-21. 70 Hotz Avenue, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008. [www.theredbar.com](http://www.theredbar.com).

## GERMAN/AMERICAN

**FOKKERS PUB** German sausages and homemade schnitzels go great with German beer! Brick oven pizza, grilled or fried wings, burgers, sandwiches and salad bar – there's something for everyone! Live music Wednesdays and Fridays. Located at 215 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE Unit #1 in Downtown Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-6666.

## HEALTHY DINING

**GEORGE'S AT ALYS BEACH** Established in 2008, George's has offered regional coastal fare infused with global flavors to the quaint town of Alys Beach. We craft all of our dishes using locally sourced organic produce and the freshest seafood available, and present each with a generous helping of love. Our dishes fall into two categories—Behave and Misbehave. The Behave section features organic, spa-inspired dishes, while the Misbehave side touts traditional beach fare like fried seafood baskets and po-boys. The menu is rounded out with a thoughtfully curated wine list and a selection of decadent desserts. Our charming beach cottage provides the perfect backdrop for a casual dinner with friends and family. Dine indoors in our airy yet cozy dining room, or soak in the beautiful Florida sunshine on our front deck or screened porches. Open 11 AM-3 PM and 5-9 PM 30 Castle Harbour Dr., Panama City Beach, 850-641-0017, [georgesatallysbeach.net](http://georgesatallysbeach.net).

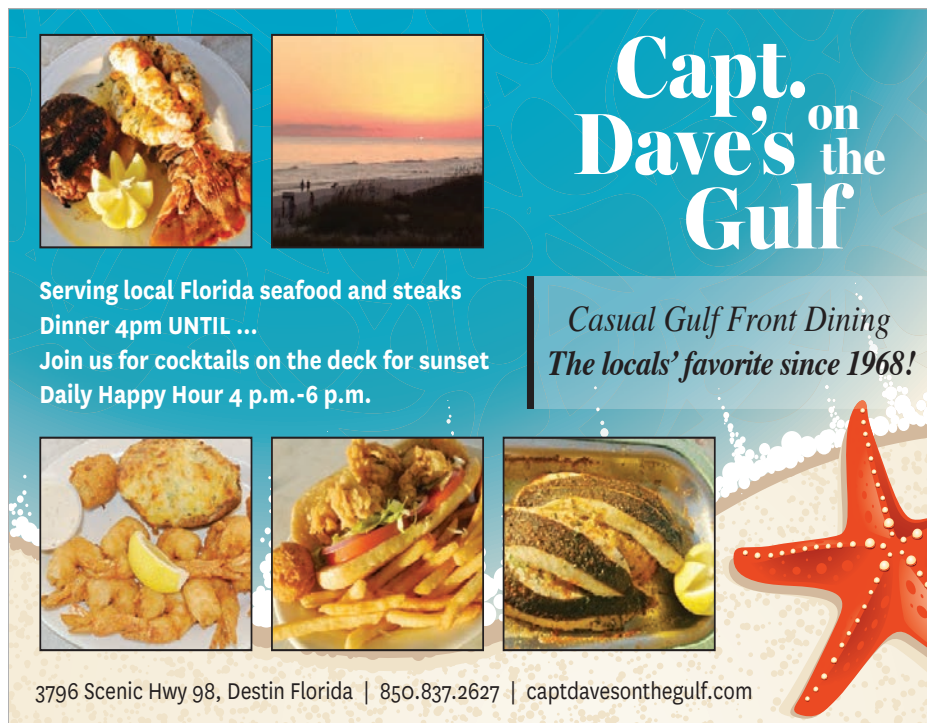




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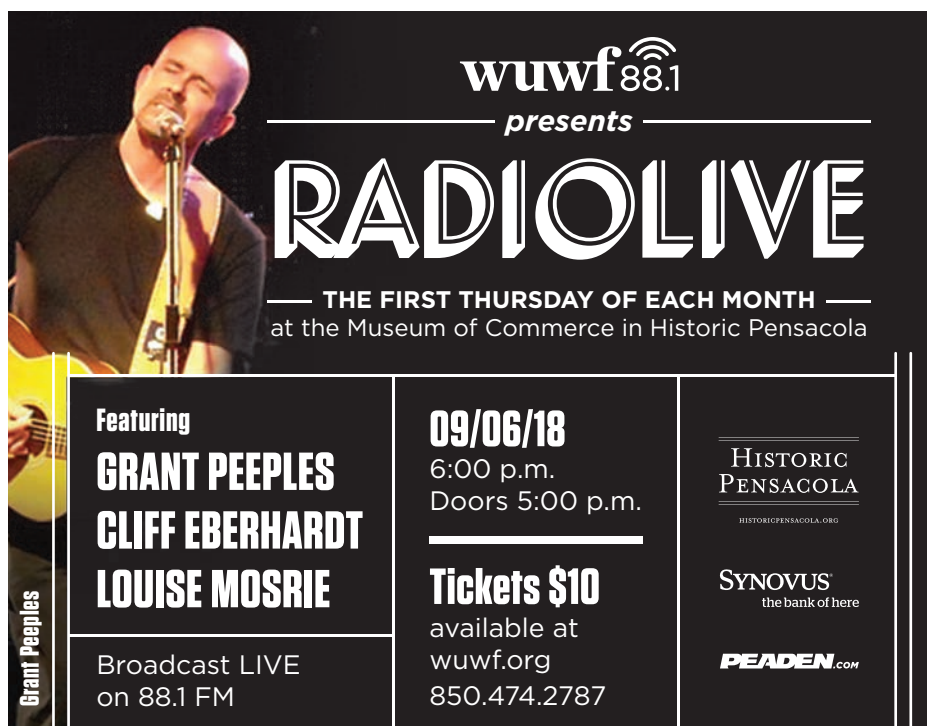


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### ITALIAN

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**GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK**  
Destin, 850-424-6650. [GraffitiFBS.com](http://GraffitiFBS.com)

**TUSCANY ITALIAN BISTRO** Authentic Italian cuisine includes pasta, freshest seafood, tender veal and more. A true taste of Italy—beautiful Italian decor with handpainted murals. Live Entertainment by Eclipse (Don and Amanda), Special Happy Hour from 5 to 8 PM 36178 Emerald Coast Pkwy. Next to City Market in Destin. 850-650-2451.

### LATIN / MEXICAN

**BUD & ALLEY'S TACO BAR** Shake the sand off your feet, choose a colorful table, and get ready to experience South of the Border favorites, Florida-style. Baja fish tacos, homemade guacamole, burritos, top shelf margaritas, and ice cold cerveza hit the spot for lunch or dinner. Open daily, 11 AM-9 PM 2236 East Scenic Highway 30A, Seaside, 850-231-4781. [BudAndAlleys.com](http://BudAndAlleys.com).

**CRAB ISLAND CANTINA** Traditional and not so traditional Mexican and Latin food, featuring snapper enchiladas, grouper tacos, and award-winning seafood chorizo gumbo. Great selection of seafood dishes and Black Angus steaks, and all are big portions so make sure you're hungry. Spacious dining area, multiple bars, even a fountain, plus the view of Destin Bridge and the East Pass. Full bar, wide choice of margaritas and beers, \$4-28, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex. 850-424-7417. [www.CrabIslandCantina.com](http://www.CrabIslandCantina.com).

**LA COCINA MEXICAN GRILL & BAR** Since 2009, La Cocina has served traditional Tex-Mex fare with a coastal twist in a fun, festive atmosphere. We prepare all of our dishes from scratch using the freshest ingredients available. La Cocina is nestled between Rosemary Beach and Alys Beach in Seacrest Beach. Menu highlights include Tacos de Camerones with grilled shrimp, shredded lettuce, habanero pickled onions and feta cheese; the Pollo Fundido with shredded chicken and sour cream (chimichanga style) topped with cheese; and the Lobster Quesadilla with lobster, crab, shrimp and cheese topped with chipotle aioli and fruit salsa. Saturdays and Sundays, enjoy \$7 specialty cocktails during football season. Open 11 AM-3 PM and 5-9 PM 10343 East CR-30A, Panama City Beach, 850-231-4021, [lacocina30a.net](http://lacocina30a.net).

**LA PAZ** offers just about anything you'd want from a Mexican-Southwestern kitchen, including tamales, tacos, fajitas, burritos, enchiladas and quesadillas, plus a thoughtfully prepared list of grilled local fish and shellfish and imaginative spins on classics. Daily dinner specials, Full bar. \$15-25. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-837-2247. [www.lapazdestin.com](http://www.lapazdestin.com).

**PEPITO'S MEXICAN GRILL** An enormous menu, plenty of room, and a friendly staff make Pepito's a good bet for a Mexican snack or feast. Traditional and unusual fare includes carnitas, enchiladas, fajitas, vegetarian dishes, steaks and seafood specialties. \$4-19. 757 Harbor Blvd, Destin, 650-7734. Additional locations in Bluewater Bay and Fort Walton Beach. [www.mypepitos.com](http://www.mypepitos.com).

**ROCKIN TACOS GRILL & TEQUILA BAR**  
Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-226-8226. [ROCKINTACOS.COM](http://ROCKINTACOS.COM)

### PIZZA & PASTA

**BUD & ALLEY'S PIZZA BAR + TRATTORIA** Savor artisan cheese, fresh salad, antipasto dishes, homemade soups, seasonal vegetables, hearty pastas and wood-fired pizza. Experience these authentic flavors in the courtyard, fireside at the bar, or on the veranda overlooking the Gulf. Open daily for lunch and dinner, 11 AM-9 PM 2236 East Scenic Highway 30A, Seaside, 850-231-3113. [BudAndAlleysPizzaBar.com](http://BudAndAlleysPizzaBar.com).

**GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK**  
Destin, 850-424-6650. [GraffitiFBS.com](http://GraffitiFBS.com)

**MELLOW MUSHROOM PIZZA BAKERY** Widely, wildly assorted menu of stone baked pizzas, hoagies, calzones, salads, and specialty items. Pizzas traditional and exotic include pesto, jerk chicken, gourmet white, and Magical Mystery Tour. Colorful psychedelic décor and friendly service. \$4-25. 960 Hwy 98E, Sunsations Plaza, Destin, 650-6420.

### SEAFOOD

**CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF** A tradition since 1977, Capt. Dave's is a go-to place for the kind of seafood that made this area famous. A time-tested selection of fried, grilled, and broiled fish, shellfish, steaks and chicken, with house and seasonal specialties. Full bar. \$5-25. 3796 Scenic Hwy 98, Destin, 850-837-2627.

**THE CRAB TRAP SEAFOOD AND OYSTER BAR** Destin, 850-654-2722. [CRABTRAPFLORIDA.COM](http://CRABTRAPFLORIDA.COM)

**THE CRAB TRAP SEAFOOD AND OYSTER BAR** Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-301-0959. [CRABTRAPFLORIDA.COM](http://CRABTRAPFLORIDA.COM)

**DEWEY DESTIN'S HARBORSIDE RESTAURANT** The classics, done right. Shrimp, crab, tuna, grouper, scallops, oysters and some land-based items, served fried, grilled, or steamed in most conceivable combinations. Family-friendly, accommodating staff. Nightly specials, full bar. Open daily at 11 AM 202 Harbor Boulevard, Destin, 850-837-7525.

**DEWEY DESTIN'S SEAFOOD RESTAURANT** Get fed with the real locals on Calhoun. Dine inside or out on the water, choosing from grilled and fried local fish and shellfish. Oysters, scallops, shrimp, crab, yellowfin and daily catch served in baskets, on platters or on sandwiches with gumbo, apps and salads that all go well with the laid-back setting. Beer and wine. Open daily at 11 AM 9 Calhoun Avenue, Destin, 850-837-7575.

**FLOYD'S SHRIMP HOUSE** Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-243-2232. [FLOYDSSHRIMPHOUSE.COM](http://FLOYDSSHRIMPHOUSE.COM)



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**GRANDE VISTA BAR & GRILL** Located in the Emerald Grande. Open daily 7 AM-9 PM for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Grande Vista Bar & Grill has delicious local seafood, signature sandwiches and mouth-watering burgers. Enjoy casual or business lunch inside or poolside overlooking the Destin Harbor. Enjoy special drink prices inside or outside at our poolside bar. The view from our pool deck is simply breathtaking. Half-priced drinks daily, 4-6 PM 10 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8100 x1550. [info@emeraldgrande.com](mailto:info@emeraldgrande.com).

**HARBOR DOCKS** on the historic Destin Harbor has been serving simply prepared Gulf to table seafood from its own market since 1979. Offering hearty breakfasts, a lunch menu featuring blue plate specials alongside authentic Thai dishes, and the area's best sushi by world famous Chef Yoshie Eddings. In addition to traditional Gulf seafood dishes, there is something for everyone. 538 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-2506. [harbordocks.com](http://harbordocks.com).

**HARRY T'S LIGHTHOUSE** Located in HarborWalk Village right on the beautiful Destin Harbor, Harry T's has something for all ages! With entrees ranging from fresh local seafood to our gourmet hamburgers, there's something for everyone! Voted Best Place to Watch the Sunset four years in a row, our outside deck offers an unparalleled view of the Destin Harbor. Mega Happy Hour Mon.-Fri. 11 AM-7 PM 46 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-654-4800. [info@harryts.co](mailto:info@harryts.co).

**LOBSTER TAIL** Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-833-3016. [THELOBSTERTAIL.COM](http://THELOBSTERTAIL.COM)

**OLD BAY STEAMER** Wide variety of fresh steamed seafood served in every imaginable combination. Choose from crab, shrimp, lobster, oysters, clams, mussels, and fresh catch of the day. Pasta and steak/seafood pairings also offered. Friendly, efficient service. Open daily for dinner, with full bar. \$4-27, 102 Santa Rosa Blvd., Okaloosa Island, 664-2795.

**ORIGINAL WATERFRONT CRAB SHACK** Located on the water. The Crab Shack serves crab, shrimp, oysters, mussels, scallops and assorted local fish in an informal and family-friendly atmosphere. Crab steamer buckets, fried seafood baskets, sandwiches and po-boys, and some land-based items. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Daily specials, inside and outside dining. Full bar. \$3-45. 104 Miracle Strip Pkwy., Fort Walton Beach. 850-664-0345.

**POMPANO JOE'S** Come on in for some fun and fresh seafood with a very exciting flavor. Try our famous reggae rolls and our garlic crusted grouper! Lunch and dinner. Open daily from 11 AM 2237 Scenic Gulf Highway, Destin. Take Holiday Road South, turn right on scenic Hwy. 98, drive down about two blocks, and you'll find us on the left side. [www.pompano-joes.com](http://www.pompano-joes.com). 850-837-2224.



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**SALTWATER GRILL** We provide a relaxing, casual atmosphere designed to heighten the enjoyment of our customers’ dining experience. Most of our tables have entertaining views of a 25,000-gallon aquarium filled with exotic fish. Become mesmerized by the soothing sounds of **Michael Rorah**, our singing pianist, who plays Tuesday through Saturday evenings. Lobsters available for viewing and choosing at the front of the restaurant. Open 4-10 PM 1100 Hutchinson Blvd., Panama City Beach, 850-230-2739, [saltwatergrillpcb.com](http://saltwatergrillpcb.com).

**STINKY’S FISH CAMP** Seafood is king at this informal Santa Rosa Beach eatery. Oysters “all ways,” crawfish pie, catfish or frog legs meuniere, and gumbo are just a few of the Louisiana-inspired dishes. Service is friendly and attentive. Open daily 11 AM to 10 PM Serving brunch on Sunday from 10 AM to 3 PM Beer, wine and live music at Stinky’s Bait Shack from 6 to 9 PM 5960 Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-3053.

**THE SURF HUT** Miramar Beach, 850-460-7750. [SURFHUTDESTIN.COM](http://SURFHUTDESTIN.COM)

## STEAKS

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**RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE** serves the finest aged, corn-fed USDA Prime beef. Broiled

in a trademark 1,800° broiler and served on a plate heated to 500 degrees, your steak is presented sizzling hot at your table. Happy hour daily from 5 to 7 PM in any of our three bars, including the new East Bar. We boast an array of private event spaces, our own private billiard room, valet parking, and live entertainment five nights a week from *Billboard*-charting recording artist Michael J Thomas (upon availability). Open seven days a week at 5 PM For reservations, call 850-837-RUTH (7884) or visit [www.RuthsChrisDestin.com](http://www.RuthsChrisDestin.com).

**SALTWATER GRILL** Open 4-10 PM 1100 Hutchinson Blvd., Panama City Beach, 850-230-2739, [saltwatergrillpcb.com](http://saltwatergrillpcb.com).

## SUSHI

**JACKACUDAS SEAFOOD & SUSHI** is a locally-owned seafood and sushi restaurant overlooking the historic Destin Harbor. The name derives from a famous fishing hole located 34 miles southwest of the Destin Harbor at 30°04.250N and 87°02.125W. Specializing in fresh, locally sourced seafood and products to provide our guests with classic Gulf Coast seafood dishes with New South culinary preparation. Open daily, 11 AM-10 PM 56 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-424-3507. [www.jackacudas.com](http://www.jackacudas.com).

## TAPAS AND WINE

**LA CREMA TAPAS AND CHOCOLATE** Spanish-inspired tapas restaurant featuring unique tapas and Spanish wines. The European vibe provides a relaxing atmosphere where we encourage guests to share dishes, converse and

enjoy Rosemary Beach living. Open 11 AM-9 PM 38 Main St., Rosemary Beach, 850-624-7282, [lacrematapas.com](http://lacrematapas.com).

## WATERFRONT DINING

**BUD & ALLEY’S WATERFRONT RESTAURANT** A pioneer of the fish- and farm-to-table movement, with an award-winning menu featuring Gulf Coast classics paired with Southern-style cuisine. The daily Sunset Celebration ritual on the Rooftop Deck overlooking the Gulf has been a tradition for more than 30 years. Open daily for breakfast (8-11 AM), lunch (11 AM-2:30 PM) and dinner (from 5 PM). Hours may vary. 2236 East Scenic Highway 30A, Seaside, 850-231-5900. [BudAndAlleys.com](http://BudAndAlleys.com).

**CRAB ISLAND CANTINA** Traditional and not so traditional Mexican and Latin food, featuring snapper enchiladas, grouper tacos, and award-winning seafood chorizo gumbo. Great selection of seafood dishes and Black Angus steaks, and all are big portions so make sure you’re hungry. Spacious dining area, multiple bars, even a fountain, plus the view of Destin Bridge and the East Pass. Full bar, wide choice of margaritas and beers, \$4-28, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex. 850-424-7417. [www.CrabIslandCantina.com](http://www.CrabIslandCantina.com).

**JIMMY BUFFETT’S MARGARITAVILLE** From a volcano flowing with Margaritas to suspended airplanes, Margaritaville is more than a restaurant; it’s a state of mind. Open daily, 11 AM-10 PM Five O’Clock Somewhere celebration Mon.-Thu., 4-7 PM 76 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-460-7700. [www.margaritavilledestin.com](http://www.margaritavilledestin.com).

**LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S DESTIN** is located next to the Mid Bay Bridge and Legendary Marine on the Choctawhatchee Bay in beautiful Destin, Florida. A little off the beaten path, but we like a little more room to breathe. Specializing in the BEST Burgers in Paradise, Southern Favorites and Lucy’s own GUMBO LOVE! Family friendly! Come by boat, anchor and wade in or call for our boat shuttle. Open daily at 11 AM. Live music nightly. Separate allergy menu. Beach for the kids to play, Fountain of Youth, LuLu’s Gift Shop. 850-710-LULU (5858). [www.lulubuffett.com/destin](http://www.lulubuffett.com/destin).

**VUE ON 30A** showcases one of the best views for dining in all of South Walton. Open to the public and serving lunch, dinner, happy hour and Sunday brunch. Named “Best Restaurant of 2014” by *The Beachcomber*, Vue on 30a offers the ultimate dining experience. Open for Sunday brunch, 10 AM-2 PM; lunch Tue.-Sat., 11 AM-2:30 PM; happy hour Tue.-Sat., 3-6 PM; dinner Tue.-Sat., 4:30-8:30 PM Two for one entrée specials Wed.-Sat., 4:30-6 PM 4801 Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-2305. [www.Vueon30a.com](http://www.Vueon30a.com).

## WINE BARS

**TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ AND WINE BAR** in Shalimar is an eclectic restaurant serving lunch and dinner with a varied menu of tapas style plates, flatbreads, Panini, award-winning ZinGouda burger and lasagna at dinnertime, and unique desserts. Our wine list includes wines from around the world. We host fundraising events and are available for any special occasion. Open Mon.-Thu. 11 AM-9 PM, 11 AM-10 PM Fridays, and 5-10 PM Saturdays. 1193 B Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, 850-651-5100. [twistedgrapewinebar.com](http://twistedgrapewinebar.com)

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If your bar isn't listed here, you need to email [chris@beachcomberdestin.com](mailto:chris@beachcomberdestin.com) immediately!

**CAMILLE’S AT CRYSTAL BEACH**  
2931 Scenic Highway 98  
Destin  
850-337-8860  
**When:** 3-5 PM daily.  
**Drink Specials:** Lots, including Camille’s Signature Sangria. Plus a stunning view of the Gulf.

**CRAB ISLAND CANTINA**  
HarborWalk Village  
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850-424-7417  
**When:** Everyday from 3 to 6 PM  
**Drink Specials:** \$4 house margaritas, \$3 well drinks and house wine, \$3 Corona, Corona Light, Bud Light and Miller Lite.

**FISHHEADS**  
HarborWalk Village  
Destin  
**When:** 6-8 PM daily.  
**Drink Specials:** \$1 off premium drafts and Drink of the Day.

**FOKKER’S PUB**  
215 Miracle Strip Parkway SE Unit #1  
Fort Walton Beach  
850-244-6666  
**When:** 3-7 PM every day except Tuesday (closed).  
**Drink Specials:** \$2 domestic beers, \$3 well drinks (Jack, Jim, Bacardi, etc.), \$3 house wines, \$1 off everything else.

**GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK**  
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**Drink Specials:** All drinks half off (except bottles of wine and Drink Special of the Day), plus specially priced apps.

**HARRY T’S**  
HarborWalk Village  
Destin  
850-654-4800  
**When:** Mon.-Fri., 11 AM-7 PM—downstairs bar only.  
**Drink Specials:** Half off drinks.

**JACKACUDAS**  
HarborWalk Village  
Destin  
850-424-3507  
**When:** Monday-Friday, 3-6 PM Sushi bar and bar area only. Bonzai Wednesdays, 6 PM-close with half price sake, house wine, apps and sushi rolls.  
**Drink Specials:** Half-price hot sake carafes, house wine pours, select draft beers and

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**JIMMY BUFFETT’S MARGARITAVILLE**  
HarborWalk Village  
Destin  
850-460-7700  
**When:** Monday-Friday, 10 PM-close.  
**Drink Specials:** \$3 14-ounce Bud Light or Landshark draft, \$4 Barefoot cabernet and chardonnay, \$5 “Who’s to Blame” margaritas and “5 O’Clock Somewhere” cocktails.

**LA PAZ**  
950 Gulf Shore Drive  
Destin  
850-837-2247  
**When:** 4-6 PM daily.  
**Drink Specials:** \$5 top shelf Margaritas, FREE chips and salsa.

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82 S Barrett Square  
Rosemary Beach  
850-534-0400  
**Drink Specials:** Daily from 5 to 6 PM—New Amsterdam Vodka Martinis for \$5. Every Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 7 PM—\$5 select martinis and \$7 select wines.

**SAMMY’S**  
1224 Santa Rosa Blvd.  
Fort Walton Beach  
**When:** Early happy hour, 1-6 PM Late



night happy hour, 2-4 AM Never a cover charge for escorted women, military, or restaurant-hotel-bar employees.  
**Drink Specials:** Early happy hour—two for \$5 well drinks, \$10 buckets of beer, two-for-one shot specials, no cover charge. Late night happy hour—two for \$6 well drinks, \$12 buckets of beer, two-for-one shot specials, no cover charge after 3 AM

**TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ AND WINE BAR**  
1193B Eglin Parkway  
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850-651-5100  
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**AQUARIUS**  
JAN. 21 - FEB. 19




You need to dress up in a sort-of parade outfit or pirate costume or something. Anything to draw attention to yourself. People have almost forgotten you exist. Do something really silly to at least let them know you still have a pulse.

**PISCES**  
FEB. 20 - MAR. 20




You like to hug everything out. Ever wonder why people shy away from hugging you anymore? Hello? Some basic hygienic care might help. Deep clean your house, your car, yourself.

**ARIES**  
MAR. 21 - APR. 20



Life continues its parade of wonderful events. You get one surprise after the other, and they are all outstanding. Blue skies, gorgeous sunsets, and great food and fun. All good things coming your way.

**TAURUS**  
APR. 21 - MAY 21




You don't smile enough. If you think you've been dealt a short hand in life, hang on for what's next. You'll never see it coming because you're so focused on a perceived slight that you've conjured up in your pitifully slack imagination.

**GEMINI**  
MAY 22 - JUNE 21




The party is over. Just like it's over for the Belgium soccer team. At least you were at a sort-of-weird party at one time. The U.S. soccer team never even got to play. The next invite you get will be to a macabre, Goth-like, Middle Ages theme party. DO NOT GO!

**CANCER**  
JUNE 22 - JULY 22




What in the world do you have to be aggressive about? Of all people, you should be meek and pitiful. Don't demand anything—it will make you look silly. Stay in the back of all crowds.

**LEO**  
JULY 23 - AUG. 23




You are always so jovial and affectionate. Stop that right now. Being upbeat in these times has to be some kind of zombie-ish ignorance. Things are falling apart, and you're going to stand there grinning? Work hard to not be ridiculous.

**VIRGO**  
AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23




You are constantly trying so hard to relax. You're killing everyone with this inane effort. Relaxation doesn't come naturally to you. Embrace chaos and nervousness and saunter about in a frantic manner. It suits you better.

**LIBRA**  
SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23




Your call in life is to make everyone comfortable and, in your natural style, lead those around you to greatness. The path to the top is clear. You know how to get there, now inspire excellence in everyone you meet. It's easy for you.

**SCORPIO**  
OCT. 24 - NOV. 22




Positivity and optimism are difficult when you are thigh-deep in muck and sinking quickly. There isn't much to do. You had your chance and blew it. Relax—don't fight it. Thrashing around won't help.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
NOV. 23 - DEC. 21



That fire that burns within you isn't desire or ambition. It's an incurable form of acid reflux known as Esophageal something or other. It's going to be tough to be outgoing when you're burping all the time.

**CAPRICORN**  
DEC. 22 - JAN. 20



You think other people are stubborn? You can't even make the minor changes in your daily routine required to adapt to modern living. Get off the sofa, get off you soap box, get off the runaway train taking you to the sad town called Isolation.

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# FRESH SEAFOOD?



One of the first questions people ask when they visit our area is  
“How can we be sure we’re getting fresh seafood?”

That’s an excellent question. There is a good chance that the seafood you will be offered traveled farther than you did. In the state of Florida, even though we are surrounded by water, more than 90% of the seafood sold this year will be imported from other countries.

Throughout the United States, the huge majority of seafood is imported. Most of it is mislabeled. Frozen seafood is sold as “fresh” and imported seafood is sold as “local.” According to Oceana, 93% of fish sold as red snapper is actually some other species. 57% of tuna sold at sushi bars throughout the country is not tuna. Most of the tilapia served in this country comes from Viet Nam and Thailand and much of it is farmed in waters with sewage run-off and the source of feed is pig feces.

Harbor Docks has been selling fish through its wholesale market since 1981. We sell to markets across the United States and Canada. We also sell to select restaurants along the Gulf Coast. Harbor Docks contracts with over 100 commercial boats to insure that we have an adequate supply of fresh fish.

We invite you to dine at our restaurants – Harbor Docks, in the heart of Destin, and Camille’s, overlooking the Gulf in Crystal Beach. But we’d also encourage you to try any of the wonderful, independent, local restaurants in our area that are committed to serving Florida seafood. We know who they are, because we sell them their fish.



Check our website to find out which restaurants sell certified Gulf-to-Table fish from Harbor Docks Seafood Market.

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Snapper and Tuna stats: <http://oceana.org/en/news-media/publications/reports/oceana-study-reveals-seafood-fraud-nationwide>  
Imported seafood stat: [http://www.fishwatch.gov/farmed\\_seafood/outside\\_the\\_us.htm](http://www.fishwatch.gov/farmed_seafood/outside_the_us.htm)  
Tilapia/pig feces: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-10-11/asian-seafood-raised-on-pig-feces-approved-for-u-s-consumers.html>



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# SUMMER events

## Tuesdays

### Fat Tuesday Parade

CONCERT 7:00pm  
PARADE 8:30pm

The Harbor transforms into "The Big Easy!" Enjoy dazzling floats, colorful costumes, street performers, and float riders tossing handfuls of beads and swag!

## Thursdays

### Let Freedom Ring

FLYOVER 6:30pm  
CONCERT 7:00pm  
FIREWORKS 9:00pm

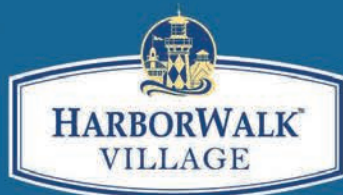
This all American celebration includes a one-of-a-kind WWII vintage plane flyover, live concert, fire-spinning, and a huge FIREWORK SHOW!

## Saturdays

### Rock the Docks

FREE LIVE  
CONCERTS 7:30pm

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